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LIST OF CLERGY,

In the Diocese of North Carolina, entitled to Seats in the Convention.

- Right Rev. L. SILLIMAN IVES, D. D., Bishop, and Ex-Officio President of the Convention.
- Rev. R. W. BARBER, Deacon, Locust Grove.
- Rev. P. T. BABBITT, Trinity School, Wake county.
- Rev. GEORGE BENTON, Rector of Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County.
- Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
- Rev. JARVIS BUXTON, Rector of Trinity Church, Asheville, and St. John's, Rutherfordton.
- Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE, Rector of Calvary Church, Tarborough, and Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
- Rev. THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr., Rector of the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.
- Rev. J. B. DONNELLY, Rector of St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
- Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D., Rector of St. James's Church, Wilmington.
- Rev. E. M. FORBES, Rector of Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. EDWIN GEER, Rector of St. Peter's Church, Washington.
- Rev. W. R. GRIES, St. Paul's Church, Wilkesboro', and parts adjacent.
- Rev. FREDERICK FITZGERALD, Deacon, Church of the Saviour, Jackson, Northampton county.
- Rev. F. M. HUBBARD, Professor in the University of North Carolina.
- Rev. WM. N. HAWKS, Rector of Christ Church, Newbern.
- Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES, Missionary, Pitt and Beaufort counties.
- Rev. JOSEPH C. HUSKE, Rector of Grace Church, Morganton, and St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.
- Rev. JAMES G. JACOBS, Missionary, St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. SAMUEL I. JOHNSTON, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
- Rev. JOHN R. LEE, Rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
- Rev. CHARLES A. MAISON, Rector of St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, and Church of the Advent, Williamston.
- Rev. RICHARD S. MASON, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Raleigh.
- Rev. T. S. W. MOTT, Rector of St. James's Church, Lenoir.
- Rev. CAMERON F. McRAE, Rector of Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
- Rev. JOSEPH MURPHY, Deacon, Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
- Rev. A. F. OLMSTEAD, Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough, and St. Mark's, Chatham county.
- Rev. J. H. PARKER, Rector of St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, and Missionary in parts adjacent.
- Rev. WILLIAM PASSMORE, Missionary, Wataga, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. H. H. PROUT, Missionary, John's River Chapel, Burke county, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. CHARLES M. PARKMAN, Deacon, St. Paul's Church, Edenton.

- Rev. JOSEPH JAS. RIDLEY, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, St. Paul's, Louisburg, and St. James's, Granville.
- Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD, Missionary Station, Scuppernong, Washington county.
- Rev. ALDERT SMEDES, Rector of St. Mary's School, Raleigh.
- Rev. WM. E. SNOWDEN, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons county, and Missionary in Perquimons and Gates counties, and parts adjacent.
- Rev. W. W. SKILES, Wataga county.
- Rev. LEWIS TAYLOR, Granville county.
- Rev. ALFRED A. WATSON, Rector of Grace Church, Plymouth, and St. Luke's Church, Washington county.
- Rev. J. T. WHEAT, D. D., Professor in the University of North Carolina.

The Rev. Messrs. P. T. BABBITT, J. B. BUXTON, F. M. HUBBARD, W. N. HAWKS, T. S. W. MOTT, LEWIS TAYLOR, J. T. WHEAT, FREDERICK FITZGERALD, JOSEPH MURPHY, H. H. PROUT, and CHARLES M. PARKMAN, were not in attendance on this Convention.

LAY DELEGATES.

* <i>John W. Wright,</i> * <i>Charles T. Haigh,</i> * <i>E. J. Hale,</i> * <i>Hon. Robert Strange,</i>	}	St. John's Church, Fayetteville.
* <i>Thomas Barber, Jr.,</i> * <i>Franklin S. Neely,</i> <i>Samuel S. Barber,</i>	}	Christ Church, Rowan County.
* <i>John B. Lord,</i> * <i>Samuel R. Harrison,</i> <i>Charles F. Fisher,</i> * <i>William Murphy,</i>	}	St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.
<i>Eli Hoyt,</i> * <i>Allen Grist,</i> * <i>Wm. E. Demill,</i> <i>Wm. L. Kennedy,</i>	}	St. Peter's Church, Washington.
* <i>Fred. Grist,</i> <i>F. B. Satterthwaite,</i> * <i>Israel Harding,</i> * <i>Wm. J. Laughinghouse,</i>	}	Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.
<i>William Williamson,</i> <i>Benj. Sumner,</i> <i>L. E. Thompson,</i> <i>H. W. Guion,</i>	}	St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.
<i>Thos. G. Walton,</i> <i>John Collett,</i> <i>Dr. J. M. Happoldt,</i> <i>Dr. W. C. Tate,</i>	}	Grace Church, Morganton.
* <i>Dr. W. R. Holt,</i>		Church of the Redemption, Lexington.
* <i>Reuben Spencer,</i> * <i>Amasa Alden,</i> * <i>Charles P. Mallett,</i> <i>Kenon Philips,</i>	}	Christ Church, Rockfish.
<i>Wm. Heathman,</i> <i>David Heathman,</i> <i>Jacob Correll,</i> <i>Wm. Thomasson,</i>	}	St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.
* <i>Josiah Collins,</i> <i>John B. Goelet,</i> <i>Henry Downing,</i> <i>John Goelet,</i> <i>A. L. Chesson,</i>	}	St. Luke's Church, Washington County.
		“ “ “ Alternate.

* <i>Dr. A. J. DeRosset,</i> * <i>Dr. F. J. Hill,</i> * <i>Dr. Thos. H. Wright,</i> * <i>Levin Lane,</i>	}	St. James's Church, Wilmington.
* <i>A. A. Brown,</i> <i>A. J. DeRosset, Jr.</i> * <i>C. W. Bradley,</i> <i>Dr. Jas. Anderson,</i>	}	" " " Alternates.
<i>Dr. Johnston B. Jones,</i> * <i>Edward Mallett,</i> * <i>Andrew Mickle,</i>	}	Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.
* <i>John H. Haughton,</i> * <i>Maurice Q. Waddell,</i> * <i>Thomas Hill,</i> * <i>Henry A. London,</i>	}	St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.
<i>Benj. Skinner,</i> <i>John Kimberly,</i> <i>Albert R. Elliott,</i> <i>Henry W. Barber,</i>	}	Holy Trinity, Hertford.
<i>John Thompson,</i> <i>Dr. M. Page,</i> <i>W. C. Hunter,</i> * <i>Dr. Ed. Warren,</i>	}	St. Paul's Church, Edenton.
* <i>Dr. Ed. H. Golet,</i> <i>Chas. Green, Sen.</i> <i>Dr. S. B. Evans,</i>	}	St. Paul's Church, Greenville.
<i>Dr. Turner Wilson,</i> <i>Benj. J. Spruill,</i> <i>L. S. Webb,</i> <i>Wm. G. Parker,</i>	}	St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.
* <i>Dr. W. H. Beatty,</i> <i>John A. Lillington,</i> <i>G. A. Miller,</i> <i>L. Bingham,</i>	}	St. Philip's Church, Mocksville.
* <i>Hon. G. E. Badger,</i> * <i>Hon. Richard Hines,</i> * <i>G. W. Mordecai,</i> * <i>E. P. Guion,</i>	}	Christ Church, Raleigh.
<i>Moses W. Jarvis,</i> <i>James W. Bryan,</i> * <i>Richard N. Forbes,</i> <i>Dr. John A. Guion,</i>	}	Christ Church, Newbern.
<i>J. W. Calloway,</i> <i>W. F. Jones,</i> <i>J. G. Bynum,</i> <i>T. S. Duffly,</i>	}	St. John's Church, Rutherfordton.

*Dr. P. Jones, E. D. McNair, Hon. Thomas Ruffin, Henry Bagley, J. M. Palmer, Hon. J. L. Bailey, R. Ap C. Jones, J. Webb, Jr.,	}	St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.
Dr. S. J. Baker, *Richard H. Smith, P. M. Edmondston, James M. Smith,	}	Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.
Samuel Hardison, John McC. Boyle, Franklin F. Fagan, John F. Phelps,	}	Grace Church, Plymouth.
Dr. R. Piemont, J. M. Pool, Dr. S. D. Grice, W. F. Martin,	}	Christ Church, Elizabeth City.
Wm. J. Ellison, Dr. Thos. H. Wingfield,	}	Church of the Advent, Williamston.
James Weddell, Russell Chapman, Matthew Weddell, Jos. H. Bowditch,	}	Calvary Church, Tarborough.
Dr. W. G. Jones, *Dr. Thos. C. Hall, Thos. S. Ashe, *Robt. Troy Hall,	}	Calvary Church, Wadesborough.
Dr. Ed. T. Brodnax, Dr. A. B. Johns, Robt. Brodnax, Rawley Galloway,	}	Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.
Thos. B. Hill, Dan'l Turner, *Thos. A. Montgomery, William Plummer,	}	Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.
John Burgwin, Henry K. Burgwin, John B. Bynum, David A. Barnes,	}	Church of the Saviour, Jackson, North- ampton Co.
*Dr. John H. Hill, Dr. W. G. Curtis, Owen D. Holmes, Fred. J. Lord,	}	Old St. Philip's Church, Smithville.

Jas. H. Norwood,
Jas. W. Patton,

} Trinity Church, Asheville.

L. A. Paschal,
Jas. T. Littlejohn,
**Dr. Z. M. Paschal,*
Wm. V. Paschal,

} St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

**George N. Evans,*
Peter Evans,
R. S. Frasier,
**L. J. Haughton,*

} St. Mark's Church, Chatham.

FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 28, 1851.

This being the day and place for the meeting of the Thirty-fifth Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, the Bishop, with the attending Clergy and Laity, assembled in St. John's Church, for the purpose of organizing the Convention.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Secretary of the last year called the List of the Clergy, and the following were present and took their seats:

Rev. R. W. BARBER.
Rev. GEORGE BENTON.
Rev. JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.
Rev. E. M. FORBES.
Rev. E. GEER.
Rev. N. COLLIN HUGHES.
Rev. JOS. C. HUSKE.
Rev. SAM'L I. JOHNSTON.
Rev. JAS. G. JACOCKS.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.
Rev. CHAS. A. MAISON.
Rev. A. F. OLMSTED.
Rev. J. H. PARKER.
Rev. WM. PASSMORE.
Rev. J. AVERY SHEPHERD.
Rev. W. E. SNOWDEN.
Rev. A. A. WATSON.
Rev. W. W. SKILES.

The Certificates of Lay Delegation were called for, laid on the Secretary's table, and read, from which it appeared that the following Churches had elected Delegates to this Convention:

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—John W. Wright, Hon. Robert Strange, Charles T. Haigh, E. J. Hale.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Dr. Thomas H. Wright, Dr. Fred. J. Hill, Levin Lane.

Christ Church, Rowan County.—Thomas Barber, Jr., Samuel S. Barber, Franklin S. Neely.

St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—John B. Lord, Charles F. Fisher, Samuel R. Harrison, William Murphy.

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—Eli Hoyt, Allen Grist, W. E. Demill, William L. Kennedy.

Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County.—Fred. Grist, F. B. Satterthwaite, Israel Harding, Wm. J. Laughinghouse.

St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.—William Williamson, L. E. Thompson, Benj. Sumner, H. W. Guion.

Grace Church, Morganton.—Thos. G. Walton, Dr. John M. Hapoldt, John Collett, Dr. W. C. Tate.

Church of the Redemption, Lexington.—Dr. Wm. R. Holt.

Christ Church, Rockfish.—Reuben Spencer, Amasa Alden, Charles P. Mallett, Kenon Phillips.

St. Andrew's Church, Rowan County.—Wm. Heathman, Jacob Correl, David Heathman, Wm. Thomasson.

St. Luke's Church, Washington County.—Josiah Collins, John B. Goelet, Henry Downing, John Goelet. Andrew L. Chesson, Alternate.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Dr. Johnston B. Jones, Edward Mallett.

St. Mark's Church, Deep River, Chatham County.—Geo. N. Evans, Peter Evans, Richard G. Frasier, Lawrence J. Haughton.

St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—John H. Haughton, M. Q. Waddell, Thomas Hill, H. A. London.

Holy Trinity, Hertford.—Benj. S. Skinner, Albert R. Elliott, John Kimberly, Henry W. Barber.

St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—John Thompson, W. C. Hunter, Dr. M. Page, Dr. Edward Warren.

St. Paul's Church, Greenville.—Dr. Edw'd H. Goelet, Charles Green, Sen., Dr. S. B. Evans.

St. Thomas's Church, Windsor.—Dr. Turner Wilson, L. S. Webb, Benj. J. Spruill, Wm. G. Parker.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats as members of this Convention: John W. Wright, Charles T. Haigh, Hon. R. Strange, Edward J. Hale, Dr. Edward H. Goelet, Dr. Edward Warren, Edward Mallett, John H. Haughton, Thomas Hill, H. A. London, M. Q. Waddell, George N. Evans, Lawrence J. Haughton, Josiah Collins, W. R. Holt, Frederick Grist, Israel Harding, Wm. J. Laughinghouse, Reuben Spencer, Amasa Alden, Charles P. Mallett, William E. Demill, John B. Lord, Samuel R. Harrison, Thomas Barber, Jr., Franklin S. Neely, Dr. A. J. DeRosset, Dr. Fred. J. Hill, Dr. Thos. H. Wright, Levin Lane.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to elect a Secretary for the ensuing year. Edward Lee Winslow was unanimously elected.

The Convention was declared duly organised.

On motion, the Convention proceeded, in pursuance of the 5th Article of the Constitution, to appoint a President. The Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., was unanimously appointed.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to Thursday, 9 o'clock A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Joseph Blount Cheshire, Rev. John H. Parker reading the Lessons, the Right Rev. Bishop reading the Ante-Communion Service. The Convention Sermon was preached by the Rev. Edwin Geer, from the 9th chapter of Acts, latter clause of the 15th verse.

At Night, Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. E. M. Forbes, and a Sermon preached by the Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, from the 3d chapter of Hebrews, 7th and 8th verses.

THURSDAY, MAY 29.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayers were said by the Bishop.

The Rev. Messrs. J. R. Lee, J. J. Ridley, C. F. McRae, and Aldert Smedes, appeared and took their seats.

The Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Certificates of Lay Delegation from the following Churches were presented, and the following Delegates were found to be elected:

St. Philip's Church, Mocksville.—Dr. Wm. H. Beatty, John A. Lillington, G. A. Miller, L. Bingham.

Christ Church, Raleigh.—Hon. George E. Badger, Hon. Richard Hines, George W. Mordecai, E. P. Guion.

Christ Church, Newbern.—Moses W. Jarvis, Jas. W. Bryan, Richard N. Forbes, Dr. John A. Guion.

St. John's Church, Rutherfordton.—J. W. Calloway, W. F. Jones, J. G. Bynum, T. S. Duffy.

St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Dr. P. Jones, E. D. McNair, Hon. Thomas Ruffin, Henry Bagley. *Alternates.*—J. M. Palmer, Hon. J. L. Bailey, R. Ap C. Jones, J. Webb, Jr.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Dr. S. J. Baker, Rich'd H. Smith, P. M. Edmondston, James M. Smith.

Grace Church, Plymouth.—Sam'l Hardison, John McBoyle, Franklin F. Fagan, John F. Phelps.

Christ Church, Elizabeth City.—Dr. R. Piemont, J. M. Pool, Dr. S. D. Grice, W. F. Martin.

Church of the Advent, Williamston.—Wm. J. Ellison, Dr. Thomas H. Wingfield.

Calvary Church, Tarborough.—James Weddell, Russell Chapman, Matthew Weddell, Joseph H. Bowditch.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. W. G. Jones, Dr. Thos. C. Hall, Thos. S. Ashe, Robt. Troy Hall.

Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville.—Dr. Ed. T. Brodnax, Dr. A. B. Johns, Robt. Brodnax, Rawley Galloway.

Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Andrew Mickle.

Of whom the following appeared and took their seats: Dr. W. H. Beatty, Hon. Geo. E. Badger, Hon. R. Hines, G. W. Mordecai, E. P. Guion, Richard N. Forbes, Richard H. Smith, Dr. Thos. C. Hall, Robt. Troy Hall, Andrew Mickle.

The following Standing Committees were announced:

Committee on the State of the Church.—Rev. Messrs. Geer, Forbes, J. Buxton, Parker, and Benton.

Committee of Finance.—Rev. Dr. Drane; Richard Hines, Dr. Thos. H. Wright, C. T. Haigh, and W. R. Holt.

Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.—Rev. Messrs. Cheshire and Olmstead; and Messrs. F. Grist, J. B. Lord and Edw'd J. Hale.

Missionary Committee.—Rev. Messrs. Watson, Lee, Huske, and Shepherd, of the Clergy; and Messrs. C. P. Mallett, Dr. E. H. Goelet and A. Mickle, of the Laity.

Committee on the Relief Fund.—Clergy: Rev. N. Collin Hughes; Laity: Hon. Robt. Strange and W. E. Demill.

Documents in relation to the following Congregations were introduced, viz:

Old St. Philip's Church, Smithville.

Church of the Saviour, Jackson, Northampton county.

Trinity Church, Asheville.

On motion, referred to the Committee on New Congregations.

The following were appointed a Committee on the unfinished business of the last Convention:

Clergy: Rev. C. F. McRae and Thos. F. Davis, Jr.; Laity: Amasa Alden.

The Bishop read his Annual Address. On motion, referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION:

Since my last Address to you, I have had strength and opportunity, through the good providence of God, to perform the following duty:

The 1st Sunday after Trinity, I officiated twice in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed 12 persons.

2d Sunday after Trinity, officiated twice in the Church of the Advent, administered the Holy Communion, and confirmed one person.

June 11th, at night, preached in Calvary Church, Tarborough.

3d Sunday after Trinity, officiated twice in St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, preaching and administering the Holy Communion.

4th Sunday after Trinity, officiated twice in St. Paul's Church, Wilkesborough, confirmed one person and administered the Holy Communion.

Tuesday 25th, in the Valley of the Yadkin, confirmed a sick person at a private house.

5th Sunday after Trinity, officiated in Church of the Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, and confirmed two persons, admitted the Rev. William Passmore to the Holy Order of Priests, the Rev. Messrs. Prout and Forbes assisting, and administered the Holy Communion.

July 3d, at Lenoir, Caldwell county, officiated in the Court House, and administered the Holy Communion.

5th, in Chapel on John's River, preached, confirmed six persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

6th Sunday after Trinity, in Grace Church, Morganton, preached twice, confirmed 3 persons, and administered the Holy Communion. The necessary absence of the Rector at the time prevented the due preparation of others for the holy rite of confirmation.

9th and 10th, in St. John's Church, Rutherfordton, preached twice, confirmed 3 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

The state of my health would not permit me at this time to extend my services beyond the mountains, except on a special call, which was not made.

12th, officiated in St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton, and administered the Holy Communion.

7th Sunday after Trinity, morning, in Christ Church, Rowan, preached, confirmed 4 persons, and administered the Holy Communion.

In the evening of same day, in St. Luke's Church, Salisbury, preached and confirmed 3 persons. Also preached the next day.

The day following, 17th, in the morning, confirmed a person at a private house.

In the evening, preached in the Court House at Lexington.

8th Sunday after Trinity, in St. Mark's Church, Deep River, preached, confirmed one person, and administered Holy Communion.

Evening of same day, went to Pittsborough to fulfil an appointment for St. Bartholomew's Church of that place, but was prevented by sickness. The next morning, however, I confirmed at the house of the Rector one person.

From this place I had appointed to go to Chapel Hill; but was compelled by sickness to proceed, for medical advice and a few days rest, directly to Raleigh. Before the end of the week I had sufficiently recovered to start for the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, where I had engaged to administer the Holy Communion on 9th Sunday after Trinity, the Church there being without a Rector. This engagement I had strength to fulfil; though the exertion brought back my disease. After a little rest, I went, by medical advice, to the sea-shore. On my way I officiated, by request, in Christ Church, Norfolk, preaching and administering the Holy Communion. I proceeded thence to Nag's Head; where, on the 12th Sunday after Trinity, I consecrated to the Worship of Almighty God, a Chapel by the title of All-Saints, and confirmed 3 persons. I ordained in the same Chapel, to the Holy Order of Priesthood, the Rev. Wm. R. Gries. Here I remained till the 14th of September, officiating on part of each Sunday, and often at daily prayers, which were kept up to the great and manifest benefit of the visitors during the whole season. My stay at this interesting spot was rendered peculiarly agreeable by the kind attentions of my friends, and especially of the christian family in which I was made to feel myself at home; and resulted, through the influence of sea air and sea-bathing, in the perfect restoration of my health.

15th Sunday after Trinity, I officiated in Christ Church, Elizabeth City.

From this place I started for the meeting of the General Convention of our Church to be held at Cincinnati, Ohio. Spent two Sundays on the way; the 1st in Philadelphia, where I officiated twice in St. Peter's Church; the 2d at Pittsburg, where I officiated twice in Trinity Church, and baptised a child of the Rector.

On the 2d day of October, I was present at the opening of the General Convention. This body was in session for a little more than two

weeks; during which time certain highly exciting questions were brought before it, and discussed in a manner little creditable to the Gospel of love and peace;—but which, through the constraining power of the Holy Ghost, were finally disposed of in a spirit of forbearance and good will. Perhaps no previous Convention had met under circumstances of equal discouragement; while I hazard little in saying, that none ever adjourned leaving in the results of its action better proofs of the existence of divine life and energy in our branch of Christ's body, the Church. In regard to the particular acts of the Convention, I must refer you to the journal just published—asking your attention specially to certain modifications in our conventional system, proposed by the Bishop of Western New York, to be acted upon at some future time.

On my return, by request of my friend and brother, the Bishop of Michigan, I passed through Detroit, and on the 21st Sunday after Trinity, officiated, in the morning, at Christ Church, and in the evening, at St. Paul's Church, of that city.

A call of a special meeting of the Trustees of the General Theological Seminary to appoint a Professor of Divinity for the same, made it my duty to return through the city of New York. Here, during the 1st week in November, I was present at the meeting of the Trustees referred to, which resulted in the appointment to the Professorship of Divinity, of the Rev. Sam'l R. Johnson, D. D.

I cannot forbear mentioning, in this place, the pleasure I enjoyed in being able to pass the 22d Sunday after Trinity with an old friend and early companion, the Rev. Dr. Shelton of Buffalo. Here I officiated, in the morning at St. Paul's, evening at Trinity, and night at St. Sohn's. While in New York, I officiated on the 23d and 24th Sundays after Trinity, twice in St. Paul's, and in St. Luke's and the Church of the Holy Apostles.

On my way back I passed the 25th Sunday after Trinity in Philadelphia, officiating in the morning at Christ Church, and in the evening at St. Peter's.

26th Sunday after Trinity, I performed service, and preached and gave the Holy Communion, in the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson.

1st Sunday in Advent, I officiated in Christ Church and St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh.

From this time till the 20th of February, I made the Parish of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, my home, it being without ministerial service, and in the neighborhood of the Churches which called for my Winter visitation. The christian hospitality and communion which Mrs. Ives and myself here enjoyed, will ever be remembered with thankfulness. During this period I officiated in Church of Holy Innocents, Henderson, five Sundays, and Christmas Day, saying Morning Prayer, and preaching on each occasion, baptising one adult, confirming four persons, and administering the Holy Communion four times. Besides this duty, I officiated the 4th Sunday in Advent in St. John's Church, Williamsborough, saying Morning Prayer, preaching, and administering the Holy Communion.

2d Sunday after Christmas, and Epiphany-Day, officiated three times in St. Stephen's Church, Oxford.

2d Sunday after Epiphany, officiated in Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, preaching twice, confirming four persons, and administering the Holy Communion.

3d Sunday after Epiphany, officiated in St. John's Church, Williamsborough, and confirmed one person.

4th Sunday after Epiphany, officiated three times in Louisburg.

Wednesday, Feb'y 12th, officiated in the morning at the house of Wm. Eaton, Esq., and in the evening at St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, confirming four persons.

Sexagesima Sunday, morning at Christ Church, and evening at St. Mary's Chapel, Raleigh.

Quinquagesima Sunday, at Calvary Church, Tarborough, said Prayers and preached twice.

March 4th, at Gethsemane Parish, said the Morning Prayer, preached, and confirmed one person.

On the evening of the same day, and on Ash-Wednesday, officiated in St. Paul's Church, Greenville.

Next day, 6th, at Pugh's Chapel, St. John's Parish, Pitt County, saying Morning Prayer and preaching.

1st Sunday in Lent, and following Tuesday and Wednesday, officiated in Christ Church, Newbern, preaching four times, confirming 10 persons, and administering the Holy Communion.

Friday, 14th, in Trinity Chapel, Beaufort County, said Morning Prayer, preached, confirmed 3 persons, and administered the Holy Communion. It was here a matter of grateful remark, that among those examined in the Catechism, a number of young Communicants presented themselves.

2d Sunday in Lent, I officiated three times, and also on Wednesday night following, in St. Peter's Church, Washington, saying the prayers and preaching on each occasion, baptising 2 adults and one infant, and confirming 11 persons.

19th, officiated in Zion Chapel, saying morning prayer, baptising an infant, and preaching.

20th, in St. Thomas's Chapel, Bath, said Morning Prayer, preached and administered Holy Communion.

3d Sunday in Lent, officiated, morning, St. Luke's, Locust Grove, preaching, and confirming one person. Night, preached at Grace Church, Plymouth, confirming two persons. Next day, morning, also in same Church, preaching, and administering Holy Communion; in the evening at Poor House, confirming one person.

4th Sunday in Lent, morning, at Pettigrew's, preached, and administered the Holy Communion. Evening, at Lake Scuppernong, preached, and confirmed 9 persons. While here I also confirmed a sick person on the estate of Mr. William Pettigrew.

April 4th, officiated twice in Church of the Advent, Williamston, preaching, confirming 3 persons, and administering the Holy Communion.

Saturday, 5th, and 5th Sunday in Lent, preached four times in St. Thomas's Church, Windsor, confirmed three persons, and administered the Holy Communion. It was gratifying to find the colored people in this place so favorably impressed with the ministrations of the Church.

6th Sunday in Lent, and following Tuesday, in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, preached four times and confirmed five persons. This Parish is greatly blessed in its Parochial School. Would to God that all our Parishes might awake to the importance of this subject!

Wednesday in Passion-Week, I consecrated to the worship of Almighty God, near Woodville, Perquimons County, a neat, small building, by the title of the Church of St. Barnabas. This is the fruit of the zeal of a very few friends of the Church, who I trust may live to experience the reward of their labor, in its bringing a blessing to themselves and the neighborhood.

Easter-Day, the morning of the following Thursday, Friday, St. Mark's Day, and the morning of the following Monday, I officiated in St. Paul's Church, Edenton, preaching four times, confirming twenty-nine persons, admitting three Candidates to the Holy Order of Deacons, and administering the Holy Communion on two occasions. At the Ordination of Deacons, which took place on St. Mark's Day, I had the satisfaction of welcoming, in company with six Presbyters of my own Diocese, a valued friend and Presbyter from Virginia, the Rev. Mr. Wingfield.

Easter Tuesday, officiated twice in Court House at Gatesville, preaching, confirming 4 persons, and administering the Holy Communion. It will be gratifying to know, that the friends of the Church in this place and the neighborhood, have taken steps for the immediate erection of a Church.

1st Sunday after Easter, in the morning, I consecrated to the Worship of Almighty God, in the town of Hertford, Perquimons County, a building by the title of the Church of the Holy Trinity, which does great credit to the christian liberality and good taste of the congregation, as being, by far, the best and most suitable wooden building in the Diocese; and constructed at an expense of 2000 dollars—a sum small in itself, but comparatively large for the ability of the worshippers. I preached on occasion of this solemnity, and administered the Holy Communion—being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Snowden, the Rector, Watson and Fitzgerald, of my own Diocese, and the Rev. Messrs. Wingfield and Disbrow, of Virginia. In the evening I again preached, and confirmed 6 persons.

Friday, May 2d, I officiated in Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, preaching and confirming 5 persons. A gratifying effort is making by the christian planters in this congregation to provide for the better instruction of their slaves.

2d Sunday after Easter, I consecrated to the Worship of Almighty God, in the town of Jackson, Northampton County, a neat and commodious building, by the title of the Church of the Saviour. I preached on the occasion, and administered the Holy Communion,—being assisted in the services by the Rev. Messrs. Cheshire and Maisson, presbyters, and Rev. Messrs. Jacocks and Fitzgerald, deacons. The friends of the Church here are entitled to due encouragement and aid for this liberal effort in behalf of Christ's kingdom. The Rev. Mr. Fitzgerald is appointed the Missionary at this place and the neighboring plantations.

On my way to fulfil my appointment at Raleigh, I passed Wednesday

the 7th, at the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, to administer the Holy Communion, the Minister being only in Deacon's Orders. On occasion of this solemnity, I preached.

3d Sunday after Easter, in the morning, at Christ Church, Raleigh, I preached and confirmed two persons. In the evening, at the Chapel of St. Mary's School, I preached and confirmed 21 persons.

16th and 17th of May, and 4th Sunday after Easter, I officiated six times in St. James's Church, Wilmington, preaching, confirming 12 persons, and administering the Holy Communion. I was happy to find that the progress of the Church in this flourishing town calls for a second congregation, and that steps are contemplated for its immediate formation.

On 5th Sunday after Easter, officiated, in the morning, at St. John's Church, Fayetteville, giving notice for confirmation and the Holy Communion on Saturday and Sunday next. In the evening of the same day, officiated at Christ Church, Rockfish, preaching, and confirming one person.

Sickness and other causes have prevented my visitation of four or five Parishes.

From the above, it appears that during the past year, I have baptised 3 adults, 3 infants, confirmed 182 persons, preached 126 times, administered the Holy Communion 46 times, ordained 1 Priest and 3 Deacons, and consecrated 4 Churches. There are besides 3 Churches now ready for consecration, and 3 in different stages of progress.

Since the date of my last address, I have admitted 4 candidates for Holy Orders, viz: George Patterson, Dec. 12th, Horatio Hewitt, Feb'y 15th, Arthur F. N. Rolf, Feb'y 15th, and Richard Hines, Jr., Feb'y 25th. Of the four candidates reported to the last Convention, one has been transferred to the Diocese of South Carolina, and three admitted to Deacon's Orders. Besides a young man from St. James's Parish, Wilmington, has given me notice of his intention to apply without delay for admission as a candidate.

The following changes among our Clergy have taken place during the past year: The Rev. William Harrison has received letters of transfer to the Diocese of Georgia, which have been accepted by the Bishop of that Diocese. The Rev. Robt. Parham has asked and received letters of transfer to the Diocese of Florida.

The Rev. Charles A. Maison has removed from St. Paul's, Edenton, and taken charge of the Parishes of St. Thomas's, Windsor, and the church of the Advent, Williamston.

The Rev. Edwin Geer has removed from Greenville, Pitt county, and taken charge of St. Peter's Church, Washington.

The Rev. Thomas F. Davis, Jr., Deacon, has removed from the Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, to the Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, and St. John's Church, Williamsborough.

During the past year I have received from abroad certain documents addressed to me by the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Oxford, which I herewith submit. The latter, dated Jan'y 25th, 1851, is in the following words:

"RT. REV. BROTHER: I herewith transmit to you a copy of a Protest, solemnly adopted by us, the Bishop and Clergy of this Diocese, Synodically gathered in our Cathedral city of Oxford, on the 22d day of November 1850, against the late usurpation of the Bishop of Rome, whereby he assumes the right and power of dividing the territories of this ancient Church and Nation into new provinces and sees, and thrusts new Bishops into them." After stating that out of 768 Clergymen capable of signing the Protest, 632 had actually done so; and that in addition "a large number of Lay-Communicants and other Laymen" had united with them, The Bishop proceeds: "To this our solemn protest then, Right Rev. Brother, on behalf of the Clergy and subscribing Laity of this Diocese, and on my own behalf, I heartily desire your approval and concurrence: and praying God, even our Father, for Christ's sake, to have you evermore in His holy keeping,

"I remain, Rt. Rev. Brother,

"Your faithful friend and servant in the Lord,

"S. OXON."

The Protest enclosed, and referred to, is in the following language:

"PROTEST.

"In the name of God—Amen.

"We Samuel, by Divine permission Bishop of the Diocese of Oxford, with the undersigned Priests and Deacons, being assembled under the protection of Almighty God in our Cathedral City of Oxford, on this twenty-second day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty,—Do hereby, in the presence of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and before the whole Church, make this our solemn Protest and Declaration.

"Whereas we have seen or heard that the Bishop of Rome has pretended to divide this ancient Church and Realm of England into certain new Dioceses, and to appoint over them certain Bishops, to whom he, the said Bishop of Rome, pretends to commit the cure and government of the souls of all Christian people therein dwelling, contrary to the rights of this Church, and the ancient laws of this realm;—Now we, the said Bishop, Priests, and Deacons, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do utterly protest against any such invasion of this Church and Realm; and we do declare that the Church recognized by law in this land is the ancient Apostolic Church thereof, possessing the ancient faith, true Sacraments, and a lawful ministry; and that her Bishops and Clergy are the Bishops and Clergy thereof, by unbroken descent from the Holy Apostles; and that the Missionaries of the Bishop of Rome within this land, who are striving to withdraw the people from the Communion of the English Church, are intrusive and schismatical; and we protest before God and His Church against these schismatical claims and proceedings, as also against their doctrine and teaching, as being, on many points of faith and practice, contrary to God's Word and the teaching of the Universal Church; all which are more especially declared in the Articles of our said Church of England. And we do declare that we believe that this our protest would be approved, and the schismatical acts and corrupt doctrine and idolatrous practices maintained by the Bishop

of Rome would be condemned, by the judgment of the Universal Church, if it were possible that such judgment should be now by any means collected: and we declare that the Church of England did, at the Reformation, make, and hath now for 300 years continued, its protest against the claim of the said Bishop of Rome to exercise jurisdiction over the Church Universal, and over this Church of England in particular: and also against the false Doctrine of the said Church of Rome; and that we do now renew and continue the same protest.

"And we do solemnly warn all Christian people committed to our charge, that they yield no obedience to the so-called Bishops now thrust into our land, under pain of incurring all the guilt of wilful schism."

In compliance with this desire of my friend and brother, the Bishop of Oxford, I beg to be allowed, in this way, to express my *full*, unreserved and hearty "approval of and concurrence" in the above Protest. And further to declare my conscientious conviction, that our branch of the Church, styled "The Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States," and standing upon the same firm basis with the mother Church in England, belongs to that portion of Christ's body which is the most scriptural, primitive, and truly catholic in its character; and that no one, embraced by holy baptism within its pale, can depart from it without the grievous sin of doing despite to the Holy Ghost.

The other document to which I alluded, from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury, is dated "Lambeth, March 28, 1851," and is as follows:

"RIGHT REV. AND DEAR BROTHER: I think it right to apprise you, that the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts having, through the goodness and favor of Almighty God, been permitted to complete a century and half of Missionary labor, has resolved to commemorate with thanksgiving and prayer the close of its third Jubilee.

"The commemoration will commence on Monday, June 16th, being the anniversary of the signing of our Charter, with full Church Service in Westminster Abbey, and on the following Sunday, June 22d, Sermons appropriate to the occasion will be preached in the principal London Churches.

"It is unnecessary for me to enter into further particulars, as they will be found on the accompanying printed circular.

"The Society has good reason to expect, that what may be called its solemn Jubilee, will be observed in all the Colonial Churches, but the occasion seems to justify the hope of a still more comprehensive union of prayer and praise.

"Bearing in mind the relation of our two countries, and the intimate connection which subsisted between the Society and many of the States during the greater part of the last century, I feel some confidence in proposing to you the joint celebration of a Jubilee in which all the members of our Church must feel a common interest. I venture also respectfully to submit, whether in a time of controversy and division, the close communion which binds the Churches of America and England in one would not be strikingly manifested to the world, if every one of their Dioceses were to take part in commemorating the foundation of the oldest Missionary Society of the Reformed Church;—a Society which, from its

first small beginnings in New England, has extended its operations into all parts of the world, from the Ganges to Lake Huron, and from New Zealand to Labrador. Such a joint commemoration, besides manifesting the rapid growth and wide extension of our Church, would serve to keep alive and diffuse a Missionary spirit, and so be the means, under the Divine blessing, of enlarging the borders of the Redeemer's Kingdom.

"In submitting to you this proposal, it can hardly be necessary to add, that we "desire no gift," but only your christian sympathy and the communion of prayer. If, however, the alms of your congregations be added to their prayers, we should rejoice to see them appropriated to the relief of the pressing needs of your own Church. It would be a great satisfaction to me to learn from you at any moment of leisure whether you have thought it expedient to take any step in this matter.

"And now, commending the whole subject to your serious consideration, and yourself to God's care and protection,

"I am, Right Rev. and dear Brother,

"Your affectionate Brother in the Lord,

"J. B. CANTUAR."

In my own judgment, there is a peculiar fitness in our complying with the above fraternal recommendation,—especially in the Diocese of North Carolina, where the Church was brought into existence and long sustained by "the nursing care and protection" of the mother Church, through the instrumentality of "THE SOCIETY FOR THE PROPAGATION OF THE GOSPEL IN FOREIGN PARTS." And I have only waited for this meeting of my brethren, to ask the concurrence of all the Parishes of the Diocese in the celebration thus appointed for the 1st Sunday after Trinity, (22d of next month,) proposing, should they intimate their compliance with my request, to furnish them in the mean time with appropriate services for the occasion.

Before closing my address, I have the painful duty of recording the decease of two of the most eminent Presbyters of the American Church, and of calling your attention to the lesson which this solemn and trying dispensation is calculated to enforce. When I say that the Rev. Drs. Jarvis and Ogilby are no more, I need hardly add, what will be the spontaneous sentiment of every mind and every heart among true Churchmen, that in their removal, two of our brightest lights have been withdrawn: and withdrawn at a time when they seemed peculiarly needed to enable us to thread our way through the labyrinth of difficulties into which the last few years have involved us. In this, however, we are taught what small account is taken, in the economy of God, of the wisdom and skill of man; and how constant and entire should be our reliance on the strength and promise of our Divine Head. While the dispensation concurs with the last year's cases of sudden sickness and death among ourselves, to enforce upon all Clergy and Laity the solemn admonition, "Be ye also ready; for in such hour as ye think not, the Son of Man cometh."

Commending you to the guidance of God, the Holy Ghost, I remain your faithful servant in the Lord,

L. SILLIMAN IVES.

On motion, Resolved, That after this day, during the remainder of the Session of this Convention, Morning Prayer be said at the opening of the Convention, and the Sermon be dispensed with.

The Convention adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

Morning Prayer said by the Rev. W. E. Snowden; the Lessons read by the Rev. Charles A. Maison; the Ante-Communion Service, with the Epistle and the Gospel, by the Bishop. Sermon preached by the Rev. A. A. Watson, from Colossians, 3d chapter, 1st and 4th verses.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

The Bishop being absent, the Rev. Dr. Mason, President, took the Chair.

Certificate of Lay Delegation from Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, was presented, and the following Delegates were found elected to this Convention: Thos. B. Hill, Daniel Turner, Thos. A. Montgomery, Wm. Plummer.

Rev. J. B. Donnelly and Thos. A. Montgomery appeared and took their seats.

The Committee on the Admission of New Congregations made a Report through their Chairman, the Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, as follows:

That applications have been received from the Chapel of Old St. Philips, Smithville; Church of the Saviour, Jackson, Northampton County; and Trinity Church, Asheville.

They find all in due form, and recommend that these Churches be admitted into union with this Convention.

Resolved, That the Churches above mentioned be admitted into union with this Convention. Which was adopted.

The following Certificates of Lay Delegation were read, and the following Delegates found elected:

Chapel of Old St. Philips.—Dr. John H. Hill, Dr. W. G. Curtis, Owen D. Holmes, F. J. Lord.

Trinity Church, Asheville.—James H. Norwood, James W. Patton.

Church of the Saviour.—John Burgwyn, H. K. Burgwyn, John B. Bynum, David A. Barnes.

Of whom Dr. John H. Hill took his seat as a member of this Convention.

The Parochial Reports were called for and read, and referred to the Committee on the State of the Church:

ST. JAMES'S PARISH, WILMINGTON.

Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adult white 3,	Infant 26; colored 17,	46
Catechumens—White, about 120;	colored, about 50,	170

Confirmed—12 in St. James's and 7 at St. Mary's School,	19
Communicants—Died 6, removed 6, added 18, present No.	275
Marriages—White 8, colored 3;	11
Funerals—White 15, colored 2,	17
Contributions—Bishop's Salary,	\$225 00
Diocesan Missions,	200 32
Relief Fund,	60 00
Parochial Charity,	97 70
Domestic Missions in the U. States, and kindred objects,	165 42
Foreign Missions,	78 00
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	\$826 44

R. B. DRANE.

CHRIST CHURCH, NEWBERN.

Rev. Wm. N. Hawks, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Children 24,	25
Marriages,	5
Confirmations,	10
Communicants—Reported to last Convention,	156
Added,	4
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	160
Decrease by deaths and removals,	7
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Burials—Adults 15, Children 10,	25
Moneys collected—For Assessment,	\$277 00
Missions,	201 97
Relief Committee,	50 66
Parochial Charities,	121 05
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Total,	\$650 68

WM. N. HAWKS.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Rev. Edwin Geer, Rector.

Baptisms—Infants, white 7, colored 3; Adult 3,	13
Confirmations, (one at St. Mary's School, Raleigh,)	12
Communicants—Added 7; present number	116
Funerals,	4
Sunday School Scholars,	63
“ “ Teachers,	11
Money collected—Assessment for Bishop's Salary,	\$100

I became the Rector of this Parish in March last. Up to that time I had officiated for the Parish on every other Sunday, except during an interval of about six weeks last Summer—having divided the rest of my time between the vacant Parishes in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

EDWIN GEER.

CHRIST CHURCH, RALEIGH.

Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rector.

Baptisms—Adults 2, Children 9,	11
Catechumens—Supposed the same as last year—white 50,	
colored 20,	70
Confirmed,	2
Marriages,	5
Funerals, (one of these took place in the neighborhood of Wake Forest,)	3
Communicants—Removed 4, withdrawn 2, added 5, pre- sent number	100
Collections for the Poor,	\$114 51
Ditto for General Missions,	50 00
Ditto for Diocesan Missions and Parochial purposes,	247 45
For one copy of Ravenscroft's Works,	4 00

What amount will be obtained for the Assessment to the Bishop's Salary and other Diocesan purposes, has not yet been ascertained.

N. B. One of the persons buried was a woman 98 years old.

R. S. MASON.

CHRIST CHURCH, ELIZABETH CITY.

Rev. E. M. Forbes, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infants 7, Adults 5; colored Infants 4,	16
Confirmations, (white)	5
Funerals—White 6, colored 2,	8
Catechumens—White 50, colored 20,	70
Communicants—Added 7, removed 5, died 3, present No.	57
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$90
For Bishop's Salary,	30
For Relief Fund,	12
For General Missions of the Church,	40
For Parochial objects,	151
For other objects,	25

\$352

E. M. FORBES.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, EDENTON.

*Rev. Samuel I. Johnston, Rector.**C. M. Parkman, Deacon.*

Baptisms—Infant, white 19, colored 3; Adult, white 12,	
colored 7,	41
Confirmations—White 17, colored 12,	29
Communicants—Died 3, removed 3; added, white 16, co- lored 4; present number, white 108,	
colored 43,	151

Marriages—White 3, colored 8,	11
Burials—White 4, colored 4,	8
Systematic Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$100 00
For the Poor,	149 70
For Gen. Dom. Missions,	38 50
For Valle Crucis,	29 00
Bishop's Assessment for the two years from June 1849 to June 1851,	400 00
Other contributions,	130 00
Total,	<hr/> \$947 20

The undersigned, being thereto appointed, has served as Deacon in this Church since the 26th day of April 1851.

C. M. PARKMAN.

EMMANUEL CHURCH, WARRENTON.

Rev. Cameron F. McRae, Rector.

Baptisms—Adult, white 5, colored 1; Children, white 13, colored 8; total	27
Confirmations,	4
Marriages,	5
Burials,	8
Communicants—Added 6, present number	68
Moneys collected—Assessment,	\$50
Missions,	50
Relief Fund,	33
Parochial purposes,	180
	<hr/> CAMERON F. McRAE.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, HENDERSON.

Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr., Deacon.

Baptisms, (colored Infants,)	6
Confirmations, (white,)	4
Communicants—White 21, colored 4,	25
Families,	17
Contributions—Missionary Assessment,	\$16
Bishop's Salary,	10
Relief Fund,	4
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ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, WILLIAMSBOROUGH.

Communicants, (about)	10
Families,	12
Funeral, (white Infant,)	1

The present Minister of these Parishes removed to Henderson about the 1st March, and went to preach in Williamsborough for the first time about a month after. There has been no celebration of the Holy Communion in Williamsborough since he has been the Minister there. Having been in these Parishes for so short a time as yet, his views of their present condition, and of their future prospects, must of course be somewhat imperfect. In both Parishes he can see that the want of a Pastor, under which they have for some time suffered, has produced injurious and prostrating effects upon the Church. But in both he also sees some good signs—signs which persuade him that his labors, poor and feeble as they are, both have been and will be (he trusts increasingly,) blessed by God: blessed, not so much perhaps as a hopeful and inexperienced spirit would wish, but more, certainly, than he can at all suppose that his labors deserve.

THOS. F. DAVIS, Jr.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, OXFORD.

Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, Rector.

Communicants,	42
Confirmations, (1 in St. Mary's, Raleigh,)	5
Baptisms—Adult, white 3; Infant, white 14, colored 3,	20
Burials,	2
Marriages,	2
Catechumens—White 22, colored 4,	26
Moneys collected—Episcopal Assessment and Contingent Expenses,	\$37 50
Diocesan Missions,	5 00
General Domestic Missions,	13 00
Relief Fund,	9 50
Parochial purposes,	166 51
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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, LOUISBURG.

Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley, Missionary.

Communicants—Died 1, removed 1, present number	14
Marriage,	1
Burial,	1
Moneys collected—Assessment for Episcopate and Contingent Expenses,	\$11
General Domestic Missions,	10
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This Parish has sustained a severe bereavement in the death of Rich'd F. Yarbrough, Esq., one of its most valued Communicants.

ST. JAMES'S PARISH, GRANVILLE COUNTY.

This Parish has been without a Rector and Episcopal visitation for

two or three years, and is without Canonical organization. I have commenced a monthly Sunday Afternoon Service here, which I design to continue, God willing, during the Summer and Autumn; and shall supply it with the offices of the Church until other arrangements may be made.

JOS. JAS. RIDLEY.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, SALISBURY.

Rev. John H. Parker, Minister.

Baptisms—White, Adult 2, Infant 15,	17
Confirmations, (2 of whom belong to the Diocese of Geo.)	3
Communicants,	36
Marriages,	2
Burials,	3
Contributions—Episcopal Assessment,	\$40 00
Missionary ditto,	60 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
General Domestic Missions,	40 15
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CHURCH OF THE REDEMPTION, LEXINGTON.

Rev. John H. Parker, Missionary.

Baptism, (white Infant,)	1
Communicants—Removed 4, present number	4
Contributions for Episcopal Assessment,	\$10

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, CHARLOTTE.

Rev. John H. Parker, Missionary.

Communicants—Added 2, removed 3; present number,	
white 14, colored 2,	16
	JOHN H. PARKER.

GRACE CHURCH, PLYMOUTH.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 1, white Adult 4,	8
Confirmations,	3
Marriages—White 1, colored 2,	3
Funerals—White 2, colored 1,	3
Catechumens—White 30, colored 8,	38
Communicants—Added 1, removed 2, died 1, present No.	19
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$18 00
Bishop's Salary,	12 00
Relief Fund,	5 00
General Missions,	22 07

Parochial objects,	\$43 79
Other objects,	10 00
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ST. LUKE'S PARISH, WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Rev. Alfred A. Watson, Rector.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	6
Confirmation,	1
Marriage,	1
Catechumens,	6
Communicants—Added 1, removed 2, present number	31
Contributions—For Diocesan Missions,	\$7 00
Bishop's Salary,	5 00
Relief Fund,	3 00
General Missions,	4 75
Parochial objects,	26 17
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	\$45 92

ALFRED A. WATSON.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, PITTSBOROUGH.

Rev. A. F. Olmsted, Rector.

Baptisms—Children, white 6, colored 2,	8
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	31
Marriages,	3
Burial,	1
Families,	18
Catechumens,	26
Contributions,	\$108 75

ST. MARK'S CHURCH, DEEP RIVER.

Baptisms—Children, white 2, colored 1,	3
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	8
Catechumens, (colored,) about	30
Contributions,	\$10 75

A. F. OLMSTED.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROCKFISH.

Rev. George Benton, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant 4, Adult 1,	5
Confirmation,	1
Catechumens,	50

Communicants—Added 3, removed 9, present number	33
Marriages—White 5, colored 1,	6
Funerals,	3
Contributions—For Bishop's Salary,	\$10
Relief Fund,	4
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	\$14

On the Festival of Christmas, a handsome Bible for the Desk was presented to the Church by a Lady, a sincere friend of the Parish; and at the same time a beautiful set of Communion Plate was made a Thank-Offering to God by a member of the Church.

GEORGE BENTON.

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY, LEAKSVILLE.

Rev. John R. Lee, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 5, Adult 1,	6
Marriage, (white,)	1
Communicants—Added 1, present number	12
Funerals, (white,)	3
Contributions—For Foreign Missions,	\$8
Domestic do.,	8
Diocesan do.,	22
Prayer Books,	5

JOHN R. LEE.

CALVARY CHURCH, WADESBOROUGH.

Baptism, (Infant)	1
Communicants—Died 1, present number	16
Moneys collected—Episcopal Fund,	\$20
Relief Fund,	6
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	\$26

This Parish has been vacant for more than two years, and almost wholly without Services within that time, except by the Bishop at his Visitation last year, and occasionally by the Rev. Mr. Gregg of Cheraw, and twice by the Rev. Jarvis Buxton, on his way to the Convention. We are anxious to procure the services of a Minister, and have made repeated unsuccessful efforts to do so,—being always *a little too late*. Our numbers have been so reduced that we are not able to support a Minister without the aid of Teaching, or uniting with some other Parish.

WALTER G. JONES, *Warden.*

REPORT of Rev. N. Collin Hughes, officiating in Pitt and Beaufort Counties.

The impaired state of my health has caused my absence from the Diocese during nearly eight months of the past Conventional year. In July last I left for Pennsylvania, and in October, finding myself too infirm for the resumption of my duties, resigned the charge of my Parishes.

In March I returned to the Diocese, and in addition to my former Parishes, undertook the care of St. Thomas's, Bath; Zion, Beaufort County, and St. John's, Durham's Creek. During my absence the Rev. Mr. Geer rendered occasional services at St. Thomas's, Trinity Chapel, St. John's, (Pitt County,) St. Paul's, and in Gethsemane Parish.

TRINITY CHAPEL, BEAUFORT COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 2, Adult 1,	3
Confirmations,	3
Communicants—Removed 1, added 6, present number	38
Funeral,	1
Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$17
Missions,	5
Relief Fund,	3

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PITT COUNTY.

Baptism, (white Infant,)	1
Communicants—Removed 1, present number	13
Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$8
Missions,	14
Relief Fund,	3

GETHSEMANE PARISH, FALKLAND, PITT COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Adult 1, Infant 1,	2
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	5
Funeral,	1
Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$4
Missions,	9
Relief Fund,	2

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, GREENVILLE.

Communicants,	4
Marriage,	1
Funeral,	1
Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$3
Missions,	2

ST. JOHN'S, DURHAM'S CREEK.

Baptism, (white Adult,)	1
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	8

I have visited St. Thomas's Church, Bath, and Zion Chapel, Beaufort County, but was prevented from performing any Services at either place. At St. Thomas's, one white Adult was baptised. Collections were also made for Diocesan purposes to the amount of \$12. The number of Communicants in these Parishes has not been ascertained.

N. COLLIN HUGHES.

CALVARY CHURCH, TARBOROUGH.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rector.

Baptisms—White Infant 5, colored Adult 3,	8
Communicants—White 14, colored 1,	15
Marriages,	2
Funerals,	3
Contributions—Bishop's Assessment,	\$25 00
Diocesan Missions,	55 00
Domestic Missions,	31 25
Foreign Missions,	20 00
Relief Fund,	10 00
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	\$141 25

TRINITY CHURCH, SCOTLAND NECK.

Rev. Jos. Blount Cheshire, Rector.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	2
Confirmations—White 1, colored 4,	5
Communicants—White 21, colored 7,	28
Marriage,	1
Contributions—Bishop's Assessment,	\$36 00
Diocesan Missions,	80 00
Domestic Missions,	20 00
Foreign Missions,	9 00
Relief Fund,	12 00
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	\$157 00

A few of the Communicants of the Church in this Parish, in consideration for the spiritual wants of their servants, have built a large and commodious Chapel at a convenient location for their plantations on the Roanoke River, in which I officiate twice a month to large and attentive congregations of colored people.

JOS. BLOUNT CHESHIRE.

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL, RALEIGH.

Rev. Aldert Smedes, Rector.

This School continues to flourish. The number of Boarding Pupils is 83.

Baptisms 2,—1 Infant and 1 Adult. Confirmations 21,—of whom 6 were from Wilmington, 1 from Salisbury, 1 from Lexington, 1 from Fayetteville, 1 from Sampson County, 1 from Burke County, 1 from Washington, 1 from Oxford, 1 from Pittsborough, 2 from Louisburg, 1 from South Carolina, 1 from Florida, and 3 from Virginia.

Communicants 39, of whom 28 are Pupils.

Collections at the Altar at the administering of the Holy Commu-

nion, \$97 34, which have been contributed to the Missionary Fund of the Diocese.

ALDERT SMEDES.

TRINITY SCHOOL, NEAR RALEIGH.

Rev. P. T. Babbitt, Rector.

The number of Pupils at present is 19.

The Chapel Services are, on Sunday, three; on other days, in the morning, "The Morning Prayer," or the "Litany;" in the evening, the family devotions from the Prayer Book. On Sunday, the boys study a lesson from the Bible or Prayer Book, upon which, from time to time, remarks are made during the week.

I am much pleased to be able to state, that the carriage of the lads, during the religious services, is respectful and attentive. There is good reason for the hope, that the truths of God are gaining an increasing influence upon the minds of some, at least.

There has been but one Baptism—that of an Infant.

P. TELLER BABBITT.

ST. THOMAS'S CHURCH, WINDSOR.

Rev. Charles A. Maison, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 3; Adult, white 1, colored 1,	5
Confirmations—White 1, colored 2,	3
Communicants—Added 7, present number	26
Marriages,	2
Burials,	2
Contributions—For Bishop's Salary, &c.	\$20 00
For Diocesan Missions,	30 00
For Relief Fund,	6 00
For General Domestic Missions,	7 04
For Bibles, Prayer Books, &c.	13 25
For Parochial purposes,	172 56
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	\$248 85

There have been services in this Parish and in Williamston on alternate Sundays, since the beginning of last October, when I entered upon my present charge.

The Holy Communion is administered monthly.

There have been regular Sunday night services for a congregation of colored persons.

The Church building has been much improved, and a commodious Vestry-Room built,—gratifying evidences of zeal and liberality.

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT, WILLIAMSTON.

Rev. Charles A. Maison, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 6, colored 15; Adult, white 4,	
colored 3; total	28

Confirmations—White 3, colored 2,	5
Communicants—White, added 2, present number	5
Contributions—For Bishop's Salary, &c.	\$3 67
For Diocesan Missions,	6 68
For General Domestic Missions,	2 96
For Parochial purposes,	14 69
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	\$28 00

We have received a beautiful set of Communion Plate from "a Daughter of the Church."

The Holy Communion is administered monthly.

There is here also a congregation of colored people, who appear to be much interested in the services of the Church.

CHARLES A. MAISON.

CHAPEL OF THE CROSS, CHAPEL HILL.

Baptisms, (Infant,)	6
Communicants—Added 4, removed 6, present number	29
Contributions—For General Domestic Missions,	\$20 05
For " Foreign ditto,	16 12
For Assessment,	28 00
For Parochial purposes,	79 23

The larger part of the services were rendered and collections made by Rev. Mr. Davis, whose charge of the Parish ceased on the 1st March.

F. M. HUBBARD.

GRACE CHURCH, MORGANTON.

Rev. J. C. Huske, Rector.

Baptisms—White, Infant 3, Adult 3,	6
Catechumens—White 15, colored 6,	21
Confirmations,	4
Communicants,	26
Contributions—Assessment for Bishop's Fund,	\$10 00
For Missionary Fund,	15 00
For Widows' Fund,	3 60
For Domestic Missions,	3 00
For Parochial purposes,	11 64
Collection on behalf of Valle Crucis,	14 00
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	\$57 24

I have preached a few times during the past year at a Station near the Linville River, and feel so much encouraged by the strong interest manifested in our services, that it is my design to make hereafter regular appointments for that place.

Rev. Mr. Prout being compelled to relinquish the charge of John's River Chapel, the congregation there is desirous that I should take charge.

Considering the demand for my service in Burke, and the state of

my health, I have resolved to give up the charge of St. Luke's, Lincoln. I do this with great reluctance, but think my circumstances render it necessary. It is hoped that another Missionary will be sent to take charge at Lincoln.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, LINCOLN.

Rev. J. C. Huske, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 5, colored 2,	7
Catechumens—White 12, colored (about) 30,	42
Communicants—Died 1, removed 1, added 5, present No.	24
Deaths, (white,)	3
Collections—Assessment for Bishop's Fund,	\$10 00
“ “ Missionary “	15 00
“ “ Widows’ “	3 60
For Parochial purposes,	12 53
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	\$41 13

Baptisms at Fayetteville, in behalf of Rev. J. B. Buxton, colored Infants 3.

JOSEPH C. HUSKE.

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH, LENOIR.

Rev. T. S. W. Mott, Rector.

Communicants,	17
Baptisms,	2

The new Church in this place will be ready for Consecration in August.

T. S. W. MOTT.

REPORT of the Rev. Wm. Passmore, Missionary at Valle Crucis.

Since my last annual report, I have been engaged almost exclusively at the Mission School at Valle Crucis. The only exceptions were three visits and services at the Lower Wataga Settlement, one visit and service on the South Fork of New River, and two visits and six services in the Diocese of Tennessee.

When at Valle Crucis I have officiated regularly in the Chapel services three times a day throughout the year.

There have been at the several Stations, including those served by the Rev. Mr. Prout,—

Baptisms—Adult 8, Infant 9,	17
Confirmations,	8
Burials,	3
Communicants—Added 8, died, suspended, &c. 10, present number	23

Two Adults and three Children were awaiting Baptism when I left Valle Crucis. They have probably been Baptised before this by the Rev. Mr. Prout.

Since the Mission has been under the charge of your present Missionary its wants have all been supplied. The offerings of the faithful, with the produce of the Farm, have yielded us a comfortable support, besides enabling me to pay off debts to the amount of more than \$300, which had accumulated under the previous administration.

WILLIAM PASSMORE.

CHURCH IN SCUPPERNONG, WASHINGTON COUNTY..

Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, Missionary..

PETTIGREW'S CHAPEL..

Baptisms—White Infant 6; colored, Adult 2, Infant 4,	12
Catechumens—White 30, colored 25,	55
Confirmation, colored,	1
Communicants—Added 3, removed 10; present number,	
white 42, colored 3,	45
Marriages,	4
Burials,	2
Donation—From certain friends of the Church to the Relief Fund,	\$20

A statement of a collection from this Chapel, amounting to \$46 12½, should have appeared on the Journal for the last year.

LAKE CHAPEL..

Baptisms—White, Infant 1; colored, Adult 5, Infant 20,	26
Catechumens—White 5, colored 112,	117
Confirmations, (colored,)	9
Communicants—Added 9, removed 4, died 1; present number, white 6, colored 98,	104
Contributions—Assessment for Missionary Fund,	\$38 00
“ for Bishop's Salary,	25 00
“ for Relief Fund,	9 60
Donations for Permanent Epis. Fund,	100 00
“ for Missionary Fund,	70 65
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	\$243 25

Of this sum, \$108 65 was the result of Weekly Offerings. There have also been various other contributions, not mentioned in this report.

Services are held every Sunday in both Chapels, and daily, morning and evening, in Lake Chapel.

J. AVERY SHEPHERD..

ST. PHILIP'S CHURCH, MOCKSVILLE..

Rev. James G. Jacobs, Deacon..

Communicants—Removed 1, added 1, present number	8
Confirmation,	1
Baptisms—Infant, white 1, colored 2; Adult 2,	5

A Vestry Room has been added to this Church during the past year, and we hope during the coming year to make other improvements.

In the above County I have preached at the Poor House to large and attentive congregations.

CHRIST CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Communicants—Died 1, added 3, present number	89
Marriage,	1
Baptisms—Infant, white 3, colored 5,	8
Confirmations,	3
Funerals,	2
Contributions,	\$15

Many improvements have been made in this Church, and more are intended.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, ROWAN COUNTY.

Communicants—Added 1, present number	48
Confirmation,	1
Baptisms—Infant, white 1, colored 1,	2
Funeral,	1
Contributions,	\$3

IREDELL COUNTY.

Baptisms, (white Infant,)	6
Communicants,	17

I have also preached in this County at Statesville and Fifth Creek.

JAMES G. JACOBS.

REPORT of Rev. H. H. Prout, Missionary at John's River Chapel, and parts adjacent.

Since the Convention of last year I have performed official duties at John's River Chapel, Burke County, and at Wataga and Linville, in Wataga County.

Baptisms—Adult, white 5, colored 3; Infant, white 2, colored 3,	13
Confirmed,	6
Communicants, (added)	3
Burials,	3

Since August of last year I have discontinued regular services at John's River Chapel. The Station at Linville I have been able to visit but three times, owing to inclement weather during the time since I commenced a monthly service there.

H. H. PROUT.

CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR, JACKSON, NORTHAMPTON COUNTY.

Rev. Frederick Fitz Gerald, Deacon.

Baptisms—White Adult 1; colored Infant 5,	6
Communicants—White 6, colored 12,	18

This place has been without any Church services since the last Convention until the 4th of the present month, when a plain and appropriate edifice was consecrated to the service of God, at the Bishop's visitation.

The devout and untiring zeal of the few who have just formed this, the first Parish in Northampton county, gives, I trust, a good earnest of the Church's future success in this part of the Diocese.

FREDERICK FITZ GERALD.

REPORT of the Rev. Wm. E. Snowden, Rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons County, and Missionary in Perquimons and Gates Counties and parts adjacent.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY, HERTFORD.

Baptisms—White, Infant 13, Adult 7; colored, Infant 2,	
Adult 1; total	23
Confirmations—White 5, colored 2,	7
Communicants, (white)	21
Collections—Episcopal Fund,	\$20 00
Relief Fund,	2 40
Missionary Fund,	14 60
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Contributions for Church building,	\$1800 00

The Church has been completed and consecrated, and the very slight debt remaining has been assumed by private individuals.

CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS, WOODVILLE, PERQUIMONS COUNTY.

Communicants, (white,)	10
Confirmation, (white,)	1
Funeral, (white,)	1

Since last Convention a very neat and good building has been erected in this Parish, under the title of the Church of St. Barnabas. The internal arrangements are very Church-like and complete.

GATESVILLE, GATES COUNTY.

Baptisms—White, Infant 2, Adult 2; colored Infant 5,	9
Confirmations, (white,)	5
Marriage, (white,)	1
Communicants, (white,)	15

WM. E. SNOWDEN.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, HILLSBOROUGH.

Rev. J. B. Donnelly, Rector.

Baptisms—Infant, white 5, colored 3,	8
Communicants—Removed 1, died 1, added 4 (3 from other Parishes,) present number	43

Marriage, (white,)	1
Burial, (white,)	1
Collected at Weekly Offertory,	\$61 03

ST. MARY'S CHAPEL, ORANGE COUNTY.

Baptism, (white Infant,)	1
Communicants,	5
Burial, (white,)	1

J. B. DONNELLY.

*REPORT of the Rev. W. R. Gries, Missionary in Wilkes, Surry,
and Iredell Counties.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, WILKES COUNTY.

Baptisms—Adult 1, Infant 6,	7
Confirmation,	1
Communicants,	15
Marriage,	1
Collections—Domestic Missions,	\$8
Diocesan Missions,	10
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SURRY COUNTY.

Baptisms, (Infants,)	3
Communicants,	11
Marriage,	1
Funeral,	1

IREDELL COUNTY.

Baptisms,	2
Communicants,	20

The Rev. Mr. Jacocks has officiated occasionally in Iredell County,
and in Huntsville, Surry County.

W. R. GRIES.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, RUTHERFORDTON.

Rev. J. Buxton, Minister.

Communicants—Removed 2, added 4, present number	18
Confirmations,	3
Baptism, (white Infant,)	1
Burial, (white Infant,)	1
Marriages,	2
Parochial Assessment in full,	\$17 40
General Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society,	8 00
Charity, by Communion Offerings,	19 50
by special subscription,	30 00

I now officiate in this Parish one-third of the Sundays in the year, my residence being in Asheville, 41 miles distant. It is highly desirable for a Minister to be resident here, who might easily open other points for Missionary labor within this large County.

TRINITY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

Communicants—Added 3, removed 2, present number	6
Baptisms—Infant, white 4, colored 18, colored Adult 3,	25
Burials—Adult 1, Infant 1,	2
General Foreign and Domestic Missionary Society,	\$6 75
Other Church Offerings,	45 00
Also, by special subscription, for Charity,	15 00

This Parish, owing to the Church building not being ready for consecration, was without Episcopal visitation during the past year. The building is now ready, on a site given by a member of the congregation: cost (which has been paid,) \$1325. A Bell is on the way to us from Meneely's Foundry—weight 224 lbs. A handsome silver Service has been presented by one who desired to be unnamed. Also, we have received from a Lady of St. Michael's, Charleston, a Surplice, and 'a fair white linen cloth' for Communion times.

JARVIS BUXTON.

The Treasurer of the Convention made his report, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church. [*See Appendix.*]

The Committee who were appointed at the last Convention to examine the act of the Legislature, ratified 8th Jan. 1845, entitled an act to amend the Revised Statutes, entitled "Religious Societies," and all other acts on the same subject, and report the legal bearing and force of such acts as to parochial Property, and Church property in general, together with the form of a deed for the conveyance of property according to the provisions of said act or acts, made their report as follows, which was adopted, and the forms of deeds recommended, ordered to be published with the Journals of the Convention.

The undersigned, to whom, at the last Convention, it was referred "to examine the act of the Legislature ratified 8th January 1845, entitled "An act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies," and all other acts on the same subject, and report the legal bearing and force of such acts, as to Parochial property and Church property in general, together with the form of a deed for the Conveyance of property according to the provisions of said act or acts," have discharged the duty assigned them, and report: That, in their opinion, the third section of chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, entitled "Religious Societies," provides for the appointment of Trustees for each *separate Society or Congregation* of any Church within this State, to whom any property, real or personal, may be conveyed, in trust for such Society or Congregation.

The 4th section of said act authorizes such trustees to sue for, and re-

cover all such property, in any Court of law having cognisance thereof; and the 5th section provides for calling such trustees to account.

The 6th section confirms and ratifies all titles to such property, which may have been theretofore made, or may be thereafter made, to any religious society or congregation, or to any of the members thereof, for the use of the said society or congregation; thereby covering all defects in any conveyances made for that purpose, if it appear on the face of the deed that the conveyance was for the benefit of such society or congregation, or to some member thereof; and it transfers the absolute estate in all such property to each society or congregation for whose use and benefit the same may have been intended to be conveyed.

The provisions of this act, it will be seen, apply exclusively to property conveyed, or intended to be conveyed, to *separate societies or congregations*; and no authority was thereby conferred upon any Church, *in general*, to hold such property.

To remedy this defect, the act of 1845, chap. 47, was passed, which authorises any Conference, Synod, Convention, or other ecclesiastical body representing any Church or religious denomination within this State, to appoint, from time to time, in such manner as they may think proper, a suitable number of persons as trustees for such Church or denomination, who shall have power to receive donations, and to purchase, take and hold property, real and personal, in trust for such Church or denomination within this State.

These two acts, it is evident, were not designed to conflict, nor do they conflict with each other. The former points out the mode in which property intended for the use and benefit of the *separate societies and congregations* of the several Churches within this State shall be conveyed; and the latter in what manner the property designed for the use of such Churches in the aggregate, may be secured to them.

Although the 6th section of chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes was intended to cure defects in conveyances of property intended for the use of separate societies or congregations, it is, in the opinion of the undersigned, important, if not absolutely necessary, that such conveyances should on their face purport to be made to *such society or congregation*, or to *some member thereof*. They would therefore recommend that all such conveyances should be particularly examined, and, where practicable, made to conform to the provisions of this act, if they do not already do so. And they would also call the attention of the Convention to the fact, that no such provision exists in regard to property intended to be conveyed for the use of the Church *in general*, and that all conveyances of such property, to be effectual, must be in strict accordance with the provisions of the act of 1844-45.

They would therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed forms of deeds, to be used in the conveyance of such property,—the first being intended to apply to property conveyed for the use of separate congregations; the latter for the conveyance of property designed for the use of the Church at large in the Diocese.

They would also recommend that, in future, in the election of the Vestries of the several congregations, the persons elected should likewise be designated and elected as “trustees appointed pursuant to the

provisions of the 3d section of chapter 99 of the Revised Statutes, entitled "An act concerning religious societies and congregations."

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. W. MORDECAI, }
J. H. BRYAN, } Committee.
GEO. E. BADGER, }

[*For Forms of Deeds, see Appendix.*]

The Chairman of the Investigating Committee appointed at the last Convention, being sick, the Rev. Dr. Mason stated that the Committee were ready to report.

Mr. Charles P. Mallett introduced the following Preamble and Resolutions:

Whereas, the Committee of Inquiry, raised by the last Convention, at the request of the Bishop, is of necessity obliged to make a report upon the statement of facts submitted to them by the several Parishes, which report must in its nature be ex parte: and whereas, the said Committee were not empowered to confer with the Bishop in explanation of any circumstances connected therewith: Therefore,

Resolved, That the reading of said report be now dispensed with, and that it be re-committed to said Committee; and that said Committee be increased to twelve, consisting of six of the Clergy and six of the Laity, and that the individuals required to make up the number shall be elected by Congregations.

Resolved, further, That said Committee be empowered to confer with the Bishop or any other person touching any matter or thing referred to them, whether in explanation or otherwise, and report by resolution whether any action or what action, should be taken thereon by this Convention; and further resolved, that said Committee be authorised to meet during the sitting of this Convention.

A question of order having been raised by John H. Haughton, Esq. with reference to the introduction of said preamble and resolutions, the President decided that they were in order, from which decision Mr. Haughton appealed. After some discussion, the resolutions were withdrawn.

Mr. Chas. P. Mallett then moved that the reading of the report of the investigating Committee be dispensed with for the present, and that it be re-committed to a Committee of 12, to consist of 6 Clergymen and 6 Laymen.

A division of the question having been called for, the Chair decided the division to be in order.

The question was put on the first branch of the resolution, viz: that the reading of the report be dispensed with for the present; and it was ordered that the vote be taken by Congregations and Orders.

The roll of the Clergy having been called, the following voted in the affirmative:

Rev. R. W. Barber,
Rev. G. Benton,
Rev. Jarvis Buxton,

Rev. N. Collin Hughes,
Rev. S. I. Johnston,
Rev. Jas. G. JACOBS,

Rev. J. B. Cheshire,
 Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr.,
 Rev. J. B. Donnelly,
 Rev. R. B. Drane,
 Rev. E. M. Forbes,
 Rev. E. Geer,
 Rev. W. R. Gries,

Rev. Chas. A. Maison,
 Rev. Wm. Passmore,
 Rev. J. Avery Shepherd,
 Rev. Aldert Smedes,
 Rev. W. E. Snowden,
 Rev. W. W. Skiles,
 Rev. A. A. Watson.—20.

The following voted in the negative:

Rev. Jos. C. Huske,
 Rev. J. R. Lee,
 Rev. R. S. Mason,

Rev. C. F. McRae,
 Rev. A. F. Olmstead,
 Rev. J. H. Parker,

Rev. Jos. Jas. Ridley.—7.

The list of the Congregations having been called, the following voted in the affirmative:

St. James's Church, Wilmington.—	Dr. A. J. DeRosset,	Aye.
	Dr. Thos. H. Wright,	Aye.
	Levin Lane,	Aye.
	Dr. Fred. J. Hill,	No.
Christ Church, Newbern.—	R. N. Forbes,	Aye.
St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—	Dr. Ed. Warren,	Aye.
Trinity Church, Beaufort.—	Israel Harding,	Aye.
	Wm. J. Laughinghouse,	Aye.
	Frederick Grist,	No.
Christ Church, Rowan.—	Thomas Barber, Jr.,	Aye.
	Franklin J. Neely,	Aye.
St. Paul's Church, Greenville, Pitt Co.—	Dr. Ed. H. Goelet,	Aye.
Christ Church, Rockfish.—	Amasa Alden,	Aye.
	Chas. P. Mallett,	Aye.
St. Philip's Church, Mocksville.—	Dr. W. H. Beatty,	Aye.
St. Luke's Church, Locust Grove.—	Josiah Collins,	Aye.

The following Parishes voted in the negative:

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—	Chas. T. Haigh,	No.
	Hon. Robt. Strange,	No.
	E. J. Hale,	No.
	John W. Wright,	Aye.
Christ Church, Raleigh.—	Hon. Geo. E. Badger,	No.
	Hon. R. Hines,	No.
	G. W. Mordecai,	No.
	E. P. Guion,	No.
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—	John B. Lord,	No.
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—	Richard H. Smith,	No.
St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough.—	John H. Haughton,	No.
	Thos. Hill,	No.
	M. Q. Waddell,	No.
	Henry A. London,	No.

Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. Thos. C. Hall,	No.
Robt. Troy Hall,	No.
Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.—Andrew Mickle,	No.
Ed. Mallett.	No.
Church of the Redemption, Lexington.—Dr. W. R. Holt,	No.
Old St. Philip's, Smithville.—Dr. John H. Hill,	No.

The following Congregations were divided, viz:

St. Peter's Church, Washington.—Allen Grist,	No.
W. E. Demill,	Aye.
St. Mark's Church, Chatham Co.—George N. Evans,	Aye.
L. J. Haughton,	No.

Clergy present 27—Ayes 20; Noes 7. Congregations voting 20—Ayes 9; Noes 9; Divided 2.

So the first branch of the resolution was negatived.

A motion was made to adjourn, which was lost, 30 to 32.

On motion, resolved that all persons, not members of the Convention, be requested to withdraw, and the doors closed. Adopted—Ayes 30; Noes 28.

Whereupon the Secretary read the report of the Investigating Committee, and the accompanying documents. [*See Appendix.*]

Dr. F. J. Hill gave notice that he would move that the future sittings of this Convention be held with open doors.

On motion, Resolved, That the President of the Convention communicate to the Bishop the report of the Investigating Committee, and inform him that the Convention are ready to receive any communication which he may be disposed to make, either in person or otherwise.

Which was unanimously adopted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock, A. M., Friday.

FRIDAY, MAY 30, 10 A. M.

Morning Prayer was said by Rev. C. F. McRae. Lessons by Rev. J. C. Huske.

Rev. Dr. Mason, President, having called the Convention to order, announced the death of the Rev. J. B. Buxton, Rector of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, at 8½ A. M.

Whereupon, the Hon. G. E. Badger moved that the ordinary business be suspended, and that the Convention stand adjourned to 5 P. M.

Which was unanimously adopted.

5 O'CLOCK P. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Hon. Mr. Badger enquired of the President whether he had received from the Bishop any reply to the Communication which he had been requested to make to him by the resolution of yesterday evening.

To which the President replied, that he had received nothing in writing to hand to the Convention; but that he believed that the Bishop stated he had some documents and some oral testimony to lay before a Committee,—that he did not know whether it was intended to be official or not.

Mr. J. Collins introduced the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the Committee of enquiry raised by the last Convention at the request of the Bishop, was of necessity obliged to make a report upon the statement of facts submitted to them by the several Parishes; which report is, as the Committee state, *ex parte* in character: And whereas, the said Committee were not empowered to confer with the Bishop in explanation of any circumstances connected therewith.

Therefore Resolved, That the report and the accompanying documents be re-committed to a Committee of 12, consisting of 6 Clergymen and 6 Laymen.

Resolved further, That said Committee be empowered to confer with the Bishop or any other person, touching every matter referred to them, whether in explanation or otherwise, and report by resolution whether any action and what action should be taken thereon by this Convention; and that they report to-morrow afternoon.

Resolved further, That the said Committee have leave to meet during the sittings of this Convention.

Pending the discussion of these resolutions, they were withdrawn by the mover, for the purpose of allowing Hon. Robert Strange to make the following communication from the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Fayetteville:

At a Meeting of the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, held in the Church on Friday, May 30th, 1851, the following Preamble and Resolutions were unanimously adopted:

The Wardens and Vestry of Saint John's Church, Fayetteville, have heard with feelings of the deepest emotion and inexpressible regret, of the sudden death of their beloved Pastor, the Rev. JARVIS B. BUXTON.

Therefore Resolved, That this Parish has, by this dispensation of Divine Providence, sustained an irreparable loss, and the Church at large been deprived of a most able, efficient, and faithful Minister.

Resolved, That while indulging our grief for this privation, so startling and unexpected to us, we have the cheering confidence that our loss has been his incalculable gain, and that our beloved Pastor is now in the enjoyment of those rewards that await the faithful Soldiers of Christ.

Resolved, That we sympathise most sincerely with the family of the deceased in this their most distressing bereavement, and invoke in their behalf the only comforter for griefs such as theirs.

Resolved, That as a public expression of our sorrow, the Wardens be requested to have the Church shrouded in mourning for the three months next ensuing, and to have a mural tablet erected in the Church to the memory of the deceased.

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed, consisting of the Wardens and one member of the Vestry of this Parish, to superintend the arrangements for the funeral of our late Pastor.

Resolved, That the Presiding Officer of this meeting be requested to transmit a copy of these Resolutions to the family of the deceased, and to have the same published in the several public Journals of this place.

C. T. HAIGH, Chairman.

W. J. ANDERSON, Secretary.

Whereupon, the Hon. Geo. E. Badger addressed the Convention, pronouncing an appropriate eulogy upon the character of the deceased Rector, and closed his remarks by introducing the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Convention respond to the Preamble and Resolutions of the Wardens and Vestry of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, and direct that they be entered on the Journal of the Convention.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention will in a body attend the funeral of the Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton, late Rector of this Church, from this place, to-morrow at 8½ o'clock A. M.

Resolved, That the members of this Convention will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, in testimony of their high regard and respect for the deceased.

The discussion of the preamble and resolutions was then resumed:

Mr. John H. Haughton moved to amend the same by adding the following proviso:

Provided, said Committee shall report by 4 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. If a report be not made by that hour, the Committee shall be discharged, and the Convention will then proceed to act upon the present report of the Select Committee and the accompanying papers.

The Secretary asked leave to read his record of the statement made by the President of the Convention in reply to his communication to the Bishop.

Which having been read, was decided to be correct.

Dr. F. J. Hill moved to amend the amendment, by striking out all after the word resolved, and inserting as follows, viz: That the subject of the report of the Investigating Committee be indefinitely postponed.

Which amendment was subsequently withdrawn by the mover.

Dr. P. Jones, a Delegate from St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough, appeared and took his seat.

A Certificate of Delegation from St. Stephen's Church, Oxford, was read, and the following were found duly elected Delegates to this Convention: L. A. Paschall, Jas. T. Littlejohn, Dr. Z. M. Paschall, W. V. Paschall. Of whom Dr. Z. M. Paschall appeared and took his seat.

Mr. J. H. Haughton substituted 6 P. M. for 4 P. M. in the proviso.

The question upon the amendment having been put, it was carried.

The question was then put upon the preamble and resolution as amended. Carried.

Dr. Ed. Warren moved that the Committee be chosen by ballot. Lost.

The President then announced the following to compose the said Committee, viz: Rev. Messrs. Geer, Smedes, Cheshire, Huske, Parker and Lee of the Clergy; Hon. Robt. Strange, and Messrs. Holt, J. W. Wright, Lord, T. H. Wright, and Demill, of the Laity.

Hon. Robt. Strange asked to be excused from serving: request refused.

J. W. Wright also asked to be excused: not granted.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to 8½ o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY, MAY 30.

The Convention assembled at the Church at 8½ A. M., and, with the Bishop, attended, in accordance with the resolution of yesterday, the Funeral of the late Rector of St. John's Church, Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton.

The Funeral Service was read in the Church by the Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Mason reading the Lesson.

After the Funeral Obsequies, the Convention met,—the Rev. Dr. Mason in the Chair.

Dr. Mason stated that he wished to inform the Convention, that the statement made by him as coming from the Bishop, in reply to the communication which he was requested to make to the Bishop, was intended as official.

Dr. F. J. Hill, in pursuance of the notice which he gave, moved that the future Sittings of this Convention be held with open doors.

The vote was called for by Orders and Congregations, and resulted as follows: Clergy: Ayes 16, Nays 3.

All the Clergy present voted Aye, except Rev. Messrs. Donnelly, Jaccocks and Watson.

Of the Laity, all voted Aye, 35 in number being present. So the vote by Congregations was unanimous, and the motion was carried.

The Rev. Dr. Mason, President of the Standing Committee, made the following Report:

REPORT of the Standing Committee.

The Standing Committee respectfully Report: That during the past Conventional year, they have signed testimonials on behalf of the following persons, viz: of Geo. Patterson, Horatio Hewitt, Richard Hines, Jr., and A. F. N. Rolfe, desiring to be received as candidates for Orders; and of Frederick Fitzgerald, Joseph W. Murphy, and Charles M. Parkman, desiring to receive Deacon's Orders; and of the Rev. W. R. Gries for Priest's Orders. They have also, on behalf of the Rev. Dr. F. H. Rutledge, Rector of St. John's Church, Tallahassee, and Bishop elect of the Diocese of Florida, signed the testimonials required by the 3d and 5th Canons of 1832 of the General Convention.

R. S. MASON, Pres't. St. Com.

The Committee on Unfinished Business of the last Convention made the following Report:

REPORT of Committee on Unfinished Business.

The Committee on the Unfinished Business of the last Convention, respectfully report,—That on page 42 of the Journal, in the report of the Committee on Canons, is the following resolution, viz:

“Resolved, That no individual shall be hereafter elected as a Delegate to the Diocesan or the General Convention, unless he be a Communicant of the Church.”

And on page 43, the following resolution, viz:

“That in future the Meetings of the Convention be held alternately in Fayetteville, Raleigh and Wilmington, the time to be fixed at each Convention.”

No action was taken on the first of the above resolutions, and the last was by resolution postponed to this Convention.

C. F. McRAE, Chairman.

Which Report was accepted, and the resolutions referred to in the Report laid on the table.

Report of the Committee of Finance was made, and, on motion, laid on the table.

Report of the Committee on the Relief Fund was made, and laid on the table.

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church was read.

The Secretary read the communication from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury and the Protest of the Bishop of Oxford, and the parts of the Address of the Bishop having reference to these documents.

Mr. R. Hines moved to recommit the Report, with instructions to strike out of the Report all which had any reference to these communications.

Mr. Smith moved to amend the proposition, by recommitting the Report, with instructions to strike out the word “England,” and insert, from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury and the Protest of the Bishop of Oxford.

A division of the question was called for, and the question was taken on the motion to recommit, which was carried.

Of the Clergy, 19 present, 17 voted Aye, and 2 voted No.

Of the Congregations, 18 present, voted Aye.

Mr. J. H. Haughton moved to amend the instructions: And that the Committee be further instructed to bring in a resolution in accordance with the sentiments contained in the Protest of the Bishop of Oxford.

The question was taken by rising and sitting, and decided in the negative.

Mr. J. H. Haughton moved further to amend the instructions: And that said Committee bring in a resolution expressing their own views; which was not carried.

The question was then taken on the second branch of the instructions, that the word “England” be stricken out, and insert “the Communication of the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury and the Protest of the Bishop of Oxford.”

Mr. M. Q. Waddell called for a vote by Orders and Congregations.

Of the Clergy, those who voted Aye, were the Rev. Messrs. Barber, Benton, Davis, Drane, Forbes, Gries, Hughes, Johnston, Jacocks, Mason, Maison, McRae, Olmsted, Ridley, Shepherd, Snowden, Watson.

Those who voted Nay, were the Rev. Messrs. Passmore and Donnelly.
Ayes 17, Noes 2—19 voting.

Of the Congregations, 18 voting, the result as follows:

St. John's Church, Fayetteville.—Chas. T. Haigh,	Aye.
E. J. Hale,	Aye.
Christ Church, Rowan.—Thos. Barber, Jr.,	Aye.
St. Luke's Church, Salisbury.—Sam'l R. Harrison,	Aye.
St. Peter's Church, Washington.—Allen Grist,	Aye.
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort.—Israel Harding,	Aye.
S. J. Laughinghouse,	Aye.
St. James's Church, Wilmington.—Dr. A. J. DeRosset,	Aye.
Levin Lane,	Aye.
Chapel of the Cross.—Edward Mallett,	Aye.
Andrew Mickle,	Aye.
Calvary Church, Wadesborough.—Dr. Thos. C. Hall,	Aye.
Robert Troy Hall,	Aye.
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.—Thos. A. Montgomery,	Aye.
St. Stephen's, Oxford.—Dr. Z. M. Paschal,	Aye.
St. Mark's, Chatham.—Geo. N. Evans,	Aye.
L. J. Haughton,	Aye.
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough.—John H. Haughton,	Aye.
M. Q. Waddell,	Aye.
Henry A. London,	Aye.
St. Paul's Church, Edenton.—Dr. Edw'd Warren,	Aye.
St. Philip's Church, Mocksville.—Dr. W. H. Beatty,	Aye.
Christ Church, Raleigh.—Hon. R. Hines,	No.
G. W. Mordecai,	Aye.
E. P. Guion,	Aye.
Christ Church, Newbern.—Richard N. Forbes,	Aye.
St. Matthew's Church, Hillsborough.—Dr. P. Jones,	Aye.
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.—Richard H. Smith,	Aye.

So the instructions to the Committee were adopted.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Standing Committee for the ensuing year; and after several ballotings, the following were elected: Rev. Messrs. R. S. Mason, D. D., Aldert Smedes, and C. F. McRae; and Hon. J. H. Bryan and Mr. G. W. Mordecai.

Mr. Mordecai called the attention of the Clergy, and the Wardens and Vestry-men, to the resolution of the last Convention, on the 33d page of the Journals, in relation to Church property, &c.

On motion, Resolved, That all candidates for Orders in this Diocese, and Clergymen of this Church, belonging to other Dioceses, who may be present, be invited to take seats in the Convention.

Rev. M. A. Curtis, of South Carolina, took a seat.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock, P. M.

4 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

On motion, Resolved, That the Delegates to the General Convention be now elected; and after several ballotings, the following were elected: Rev. Drs. Drane and Mason of the Clergy, and Jno. W. Wright, J. S. Eaton and Josiah Collins, of the Laity.

Rev. Mr. Geer, Chairman of the Committee of 12, announcing his readiness to report, and the hour having arrived for said report, all further proceedings in the election were suspended.

The Report was called for, and the Rev. Mr. Geer read the Report. [*See Appendix.*]

The reading of several documents, which were attached to the Report of the Investigating Committee, being called for by Mr. Chas. P. Mallett and Dr. F. J. Hill, several motions were made. The motions were finally withdrawn, with the understanding that the reading of any of the documents accompanying the Report, or the Report, could at any time be called for.

On motion, the Convention took a recess for three quarters of an hour.

9 O'CLOCK P. M.

Hon. G. E. Badger, after addressing the Convention, introduced the following Resolutions:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives has lost the confidence of the people of his charge in his teachings as a religious guide and instructor, and that his usefulness is thereby destroyed or greatly impaired.

Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention he ought to resign his Episcopal jurisdiction over the Diocese.

Which were subsequently modified at the suggestion of Mr. Strange, and the modification accepted, and they read as follows:

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention, the confidence of the people of his charge in the Bishop of the Diocese has been impaired, and his usefulness destroyed or greatly diminished.

Therefore Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention an Assistant Bishop ought to be appointed.

The Convention was addressed by many gentlemen of the Clergy, and several of the Lay members, and at the suggestion of the President, that it was very late and on the eve of Sunday, the Convention adjourned to Monday, 9 o'clock A. M.

SUNDAY.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. R. S. Mason. The lessons were read by the Rev. R. B. Drane.

The Ante-Communion service read by the Bishop.

Sermon appropriate to the death of the Rector of this Church was preached by the Rev. Jos. C. Huske, 90th Ps.

The Holy Communion was administered by the Bishop to the Clergy, and then by the Rev. Drs. Mason and Drane to a large number of recipients.

Evening Prayer was said by the Rev. J. Avery Shepherd, the Rev. Dr. Drane reading the Lessons.

During the Service two children were Baptised by the Rev. Dr. Drane.

Sermon preached by the Rev. E. M. Forbes, from Revelations, 21st chapter, 7th verse.

At Night, Prayers were said by the Rev. C. A. Maison.

After which Confirmation was administered to 11 persons,—6 white, 5 colored.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by the Rev. W. E. Snowden, from 1st Epistle of St. John, 1st chapter and 14th verse; and a collection amounting to \$150 made.

MONDAY, JUNE 2,—6½ A. M.

The Bishop and Clergy assembled at the Church for the purpose of adopting resolutions in relation to the death of the late Rector of St. John's Church, the Rev. Jarvis B. Buxton.

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

The Convention assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Morning Prayer was said by the Rev. Wm. Passmore, the Rev. Thos. F. Davis, Jr. reading the Lessons.

The Report of the Committee on the Relief Fund was called up, read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT of the Committee on the Relief Fund.

The Committee to whom was referred the subject of the Relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen, respectfully report: That there are two Widows of deceased Clergymen who receive assistance from this Fund, one of whom has three children.

The Treasurer of the Convention reports, that within the past Conventional year he has received in their behalf the sum of \$401 28, which, with a balance of \$55 12 previously on hand, makes a total of \$456 40. Of this Mrs. Wiley has received \$266 76, and Mrs. Thurston \$143 64; leaving on hand a balance of \$46 00.

It will be perceived that the sum paid into the Treasury falls about one hundred dollars short of the amount required to be paid out of the Assessments by a resolution of the Convention of 1849; while it is nearly two hundred dollars less than the amount assessed. The Committee have noticed with pleasure several instances where the sum contributed has exceeded that expected; but on the other hand, they have seen with mortification and regret, that out of forty-nine Parishes assessed, twenty-four, almost one-half of the entire number, are not reported as having at all remembered the sacred claims of the destitute Widows and Or-

phans of those who have fallen while fighting the battles of Christ. They would therefore respectfully commend to the consideration of the Clergy of the delinquent Parishes especially, the importance of pressing upon their people the peculiar claims which this Charity has upon the sympathies of all christian hearts, together with their obligations as members of the Church to contribute, at least something, toward an object which she continually holds up before them with especial prominence. They would fain believe that there are few in the Diocese who, while constantly offering to God the petition that he would "provide for the fatherless children and widows," would yet be unwilling to second their prayers with their alms.

The Committee would suggest the propriety of devoting the offerings of children to this Fund, on the plan of systematic charity. There seems to be something especially appropriate in children who are blessed with parents, and the enjoyment of this world's goods, contributing to the relief of other children less favored in these respects. And not only might an amount respectable in itself be thus collected for the relief of the needy,—it would be a double blessing: in opening the hearts of the rising generation to sympathy with the wants of others; in teaching them the true principles of Christian charity; in giving them an early and experimental proof of the truth of the maxim that "it is more blessed to give than to receive"; and thus training them up to that enlarged benevolence and extended usefulness which betoken a real manhood in Christ.

Believing that attention to the subject is chiefly needed to insure larger contributions, they would recommend the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Scale of Assessments for the Relief Fund for the present year be that reported by the Committee of Finance.

N. COLLIN HUGHES, Chairman.

The Report of the Committee of Finance was taken up and read:

REPORT of the Committee of Finance.

The Finance Committee beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the several accounts of the Treasurer, referred to them, and find them correct. These accounts show the exact state of all funds under the control of the Convention; and your Committee refer the Convention to them as containing full information as to the present state of the finances of the Diocese, and as superceding the necessity of any special detail in relation thereto.

The Committee recommend for the adoption of this Convention the Scale of Assessments made by the last Convention, with the few slight alterations and additions which are indicated in the schedule which accompanies this Report.

In behalf of the Committee.

R. B. DRANE, Chairman.

The Scale of Assessments for the year was read, and, after various alterations, adopted, as follows:—[See Appendix.]

The Report of the Committee on the State of the Church was called for, read and adopted, as follows:

REPORT of the Committee on the State of the Church.

The Committee on the State of the Church respectfully report: That, having examined the Bishop's Address and the Parochial Reports which were referred to them, they find that there have been 521 Baptised, of whom 130 are Adults, and 182 Confirmed. 141 have been added to the Communion. The present number of Communicants reported, is 2219. Two Presbyters and three Deacons have been Ordained. Four Churches have been Consecrated, and three others are reported as ready for Consecration. There are now four Candidates for Holy Orders.

The Committee would respectfully suggest to the Clergy the necessity of being more particular in making out their Reports, as it is impossible, from the imperfect manner in which many of those submitted to the Committee are drawn up, to ascertain the exact condition of the Church. They would also urge upon them the importance of using every effort to establish in their several Parishes Parochial Schools, in which the Children of their charge may, day after day, receive that instruction which will make them wise unto salvation. They would further recommend, that in every Parish attention be given to the *oral* instruction of the colored Children of the Church in the duties involved in their baptismal vows; that they may thus be made early to feel and appreciate their responsibilities and privileges as members of Christ.

The Committee trust that the difficulties which for several years have disturbed the peace of the Diocese, and in some degree retarded the prosperity of the Church within her borders, may be soon removed, and that such measures may be adopted at this Convention as shall tend to the restoration of harmony to our beloved Zion.

The Committee heartily respond to the sentiments of the Bishop in regard to the communication received by him from His Grace the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Protest from the Bishop of Oxford; and do accordingly recommend that the suggestions with regard to the proper celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the venerable Society for the propagation of the Gospel in foreign parts, be carried out in the several Parishes of the Diocese.

Respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GEER, Chairman.

C. W. Bradley, one of the Alternate Delegates from St. James's Church, Wilmington, was, on motion, admitted to a seat, in the place of Dr. A. J. DeRosset, who had left.

Mr. John W. Wright, on behalf of the Executive Missionary Committee, made the following Report, which was adopted:

REPORT of the Executive Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee report, as to the matters under their direction, that the aggregate of funds at the credit of the Missionary Fund,

for the past year, including the balance on hand at the last Convention, is \$3521 27. Of this sum, \$622 50 has been derived from bequests, and, pursuant to a resolution of the last Convention, transferred to an account for a permanent Missionary Fund; \$2061 03 is applicable to the Missionary calls for the year ending with this Convention; and \$837 74 to the year ending with the Convention of 1852. The appropriations made for Missionary services during the past year amount to \$1525, leaving a balance of 536 03 applicable to claims not yet disposed of. For the sources from which these funds are derived, the Convention is referred to the Report of the Treasurer.

The Stations which have been aided by appropriations and their incumbents are as follows:

Ashe and Rutherfordton.—Rev. Jarvis Buxton.

Morganton and Lincolnton.—Rev. J. C. Huske.

Hillsborough, and St. Mary's Chapel, Orange.—Rev. J. B. Donnelly.

Wilkesborough and parts adjacent.—Rev. W. R. Gries.

Leaksville.—Rev. J. R. Lee.

Pittsborough, and St. Mark's, Chatham.—Rev. A. F. Olmsted.

Wataga Mission and parts adjacent.—Rev. H. H. Prout.

Hertford and Gatesville.—Rev. W. E. Snowden.

Chapel Hill.—Rev. T. F. Davis, Jr.

Oxford.—Rev. J. J. Ridley.

Plymouth, and Washington County.—Rev. A. A. Watson.

R. S. MASON, Sec'y, *pro tem*.

Rev. J. C. Huske asked leave to report to the Convention the resolutions adopted this day, at the meeting of the Bishop and Clergy, on the subject of the death of the Rev. J. B. Buxton, and they were ordered unanimously to be spread on the Journals of the Convention.

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God, in his wise Providence, by a sudden death to deprive this Parish and the Diocese at large of the valuable and efficient services of our departed Brother:

Resolved, That, acknowledging the hand of Divine wisdom, we bow with submission to this chastening dispensation.

Resolved, That while in the loss of our dear Brother we mourn our social deprivation, as well as the loss to the Diocese, and to his own Parish, we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but are consoled with the firm and abiding trust, that in being removed from his labors on earth, he has gone to his rest, and finally to those rewards which, through the merits of the Redeemer, are laid up for the just—to the enjoyment of the special blessings which are promised to those who turn many to righteousness.

Resolved, That with heartfelt sympathy we offer our condolences to the afflicted family of our much loved Brother.

Resolved, That the above resolutions be respectfully conveyed to the family of the deceased, and be also furnished to the newspapers in Fayetteville and Raleigh, with a request for their insertion.

On motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the remaining

number of Delegates to the General Convention. Rev. Messrs. Johnston and Watson, of the Clergy, and Edward Lee Winslow, of the Laity, were elected.

The following were appointed Trustees of the General Theological Seminary: The Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. C. F. McRae; Hon. Duncan Cameron and Josiah Collins, of the Laity.

John W. Wright was unanimously elected Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Rev. A. A. Watson made the following Report from the Special Missionary Committee:

REPORT of the Missionary Committee.

The Missionary Committee raised by this Convention respectfully report: That owing to the difficulty, if not impossibility, of obtaining some papers usually laid before them, their Report cannot be as full as usual in those respects. They would express their regret that the receipts have fallen so far below the assessments—but at the same time their hope that better prospects are before us. They would affectionately urge their brethren of the Convention and the Diocese to greater exertions in the cause of our common Redeemer—our common Church—as well as the common cause of humanity.

Death is rapidly removing those whom we may thus be the instruments of blessing, and drawing with us to a higher and better world.

Let us work while it is day. What our hands find to do with our might. Let us remember, that whatever of our means we devote to the purposes of another world, we do as it were invest above, and thus send on before us for our eternal advantage.

There have been several applications to your Committee to report alterations in the Scale of Assessments—some for increase, some for decrease. With every disposition to meet the views of those who have thus addressed us, your Committee submit, that if such alterations be desirable, they had better be proposed under circumstances permitting the review of the whole Scale of Assessments. They would therefore beg leave to offer the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the whole Scale of Assessments, with the proposed alterations in the same, be referred to the Finance Committee.

A. A. WATSON, Chairman.

The following were elected the Executive Missionary Committee: The Rev. Messrs. Drane and Benton, of the Clergy, and John W. Wright, C. P. Mallett and C. T. Haigh, of the Laity.

On motion, Resolved, That the next Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese be held in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, on the 3d Wednesday in May 1852.

Resolved, That the Secretary have printed and circulated 1500 copies of the Journal of this Convention.

No other matter of business being before the Convention, the Hon. G. E. Badger rose and addressed the Convention, and asked leave to withdraw

the resolutions which he had introduced and which was the unfinished business of the Convention at the time of the adjournment on Saturday Evening. Leave was unanimously granted.

Mr. Badger introduced the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:

Ordered, That so much *only* of the Report of the Committee of Investigation appointed at the last Convention, and of the Report of the Committee of twelve appointed at this Convention, as relates to the religious doctrines and teachings of the Bishop, together with the paper relating thereto which accompanies the last mentioned Report, be inserted on and printed with the Journals of this Convention.

Mr. H. A. London moved that a Committee of two Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed to wait on the Bishop and inform him of the result of the deliberations of the Convention, and request his attendance at 4 o'clock to adjourn the same.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Forbes and McRae, of the Clergy, and Messrs. London, Collins and Strange, of the Laity.

Adjourned to 4 o'clock P. M.

4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. The Bishop in the Chair.

Four verses of the 99th Psalm were sung.

The Bishop addressed the Convention.

The members joined in singing the Gloria in Excelsis, and after Prayers by the Bishop, the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, Secretary.

APPENDIX.

EXTRACTS from the Report of the Committee of Investigation, appointed at the Convention of 1850, at the request of the Bishop.

The Committee appointed under the resolution of the last Diocesan Convention, held at Elizabeth City, to inquire into the causes of the difficulties in the Diocese, alluded to in the Bishop's Address to said Convention, beg leave to report:

That, soon after their appointment, for the purpose of carrying out the views of the Convention in the manner best calculated to attain their object, your Committee instructed their Chairman to address to the Pastors of the several Churches in this Diocese the following Circular:

“REV'D AND DEAR SIR: The Committee of Investigation, in prosecuting the object of their appointment, respectfully call your attention, and that of your Vestry, to the following proceedings which were had at the late Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, held in Christ Church, Elizabeth City, May 1850:

“Extract from the Journal.

“The following Communication was received from the Bishop:

“BRETHREN OF THE CONVENTION: Aware that the difficulties in the Diocese, to which I have alluded in my Address, still threaten the peace of the same, and being anxious to do all in my power to restore harmony and good will, I hereby ask of you a Committee of Clergymen and Laymen, to investigate all the circumstances connected therewith, and report to a future meeting of this body.

(Signed,)

“L. SILLIMAN IVES,

“Bishop of the Diocese of North Carolina.

“May 31st, 1850.

“On motion of Dr. F. J. Hill, Resolved, That the Communication of the Bishop, just made to the Convention, be referred to a Committee, composed of four Clergymen and four Laymen, to be elected by ballot.’

“Whereupon, the Convention proceeded to ballot, and the following were elected to compose said Committee of Reference: Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. J. B. Buxton, Rev. S. I. Johnston, Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., of the Clergy, and the Hon. A. Moore, Josiah Collins, Geo. W. Mordecai, and Jas. W. Bryan, of the Laity.

“Said Committee of Reference made the following Report:

“The Committee to whom was referred a Communication from the Bishop to this Convention, in these words: (here follows the aforesaid Communication,) respectfully report: That they recommend the appointment of a Committee by this Convention, according to the request of:

‘the Bishop, to consist of three Clergymen and three Laymen, to be chosen by ballot; and that said Committee make their Report to the next Annual Convention,—it being the opinion of this Committee, that this is the earliest period at which as full a representation of the Church in the Diocese could be obtained as the circumstances of the case require.

“They therefore recommend the adoption of the following Resolutions:

“Resolved, That a Committee of three Clergymen and three Laymen be appointed, as requested by the Bishop, and that they make report to the next Annual Convention.

“Resolved, That said Committee of Investigation be chosen by ballot.

(Signed,)

“JARVIS B. BUXTON, Chairman.

“The question on the adoption of the Resolutions as reported by the Committee was decided in the affirmative; when, on motion, the Convention proceeded to the election of the Committee of Investigation. The Rev. J. B. Buxton, Rev. R. B. Drane, D. D., Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Hon. A. Moore, Josiah Collins, and Geo. W. Mordecai, were elected.’

“Such, Rev’d and Dear Sir, is an abstract of the Conventional proceeding, which the Committee of Investigation have directed me to lay before you, and to request that you lay the same before a special meeting of your Wardens and Vestry, convened as early as will suit their convenience, that they may take such steps in the premises as you and they may think proper.

“You will scarcely fail to perceive at once, that any statements made in pursuance of these Conventional proceedings, should be marked in their spirit and manner with solemnity and impartiality; and this you will of course impress on any persons who may be disposed to make them.

“Sealed communications, relating to the matters herein contained, will be addressed to the undersigned as Chairman of the Committee, at Fayetteville, before the first day of January next.

“JARVIS B. BUXTON, Chairman

“of the Committee of Investigation..

“Fayetteville, July 2, 1850.”

That, as well to enable the several Parishes to respond thereto, as to consult the convenience of the members of the Committee, they resolved to hold their meeting for taking the matters referred to into consideration, in Raleigh, on the 13th Jan’y 1851, on which day, a part only of the Committee being present, they adjourned over until Wednesday the 15th, when, all the members being present, they proceeded to business.

The Committee think it proper here to state, that from the terms of the resolution by virtue of which they were appointed, they did not consider themselves required or empowered to act as a *Judicial* nor as an *Inquisitorial* tribunal; but simply as a Committee to inquire and report upon the causes of the difficulties referred to. They therefore confined themselves to the examination of such documents as were laid before them in response to the communication of their Chairman. These documents were taken up *seriatim*, and the Committee proceeded to their examination under a serious and deep conviction of the important con-

sequences to result both to the Bishop and the Church, and with a sincere and anxious determination to discharge the duty assigned them, faithfully, independently and honestly, and asking the Divine aid and blessing on their deliberations.

Before proceeding to the consideration of the charges, the Committee had the several communications read, for the purpose of discarding such as might contain nothing requiring consideration. Of this character were the communications or answers from the following Parishes, viz:

The Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill.

St. John's, Rutherfordton.

Trinity Church, Asheville.

St. Paul's, Wilkesborough.

St. Stephen's, Oxford.

St. Peter's, Washington.

Calvary Church, Tarborough.

Trinity Church, Scotland Neck.

St. James's Church, Wilmington.

St. Luke's Church, Lincolnton.

Grace Church, Morganton.

Grace Church, Plymouth.

St. Luke's, Washington County.

St. Paul's, Edenton.

The Missionary Station at Scuppernong.

These were all laid aside, as containing no matter for the action of the Committee. They are however carefully preserved, and the Committee have them ready to produce, should they be called for by the Convention.

Under head charging the Bishop with having held and taught erroneous doctrines, the following specifications were submitted, as being contained in the several communications from Christ Church, Rockfish, Cumberland County; St. John's Church, Fayetteville; St. Bartholomew's Church, Pittsborough; Emmanuel Church, Warrenton; and also from George W. Mordecai.

1st. It is alleged that the Bishop stated, that he believed the Church to be in schism; and that he would not be Bishop of Maryland for his right arm. As charged in the communication from Warrenton, which refers to the Rev. J. B. Buxton, and also to the Rev. Messrs. Cameron F. McRae, R. E. Parham, J. Buxton, and Joseph C. Huske.

In relation to the above, the Rev. J. B. Buxton makes the following statement before the Committee: That he understood the Bishop as applying his remarks to the Diocese of Maryland and to California, as being originally subjected to the See of Rome, and not to the Church at large in the United States.

2d. It is alleged that he declared his purpose to appoint a Penitentiary Priest to visit the different Parishes of his Diocese. As charged in the communication from Emmanuel Church, Warrenton.

3d. It is alleged that he declared that he objects to the Prayers to the Virgin Mary, or to Saints, not because they are wrong in themselves, but because they are liable to abuse. As charged in the communication aforesaid.

4th. It is alleged that the difficulties in the Diocese have been caused by the teachings of the Bishop on the subject of Auricular Confession and Absolution. As charged in the communication aforesaid.

5th. It is alleged that these difficulties have been caused by the teachings of the Bishop on the subject of the Real Presence in the Eucharist; which words are supposed to be used by him in their Romish sense. As charged in the communication from the Vestry of St. John's Church, Fayetteville.

6th. It is alleged that the Bishop's supposed connection with the publication of the Pamphlet known as "The Voice of the Anglican Church," has been one of the causes of the difficulties in the Diocese.

It is alleged that the Bishop did establish within this Diocese The Order of the Holy Cross, and that he did introduce novel and unauthorized customs and practices within the same.

The Committee beg leave further to report, that in addition to the communications herein before referred to, a letter from Dr. M. Page, addressed to one of the members of this Committee, was likewise laid before them, which letter (marked B.) they beg to submit with the other documents.

The Committee deem it due to the Bishop, to call the attention of the Convention to that portion of his Annual Address to the late Convention of this Diocese, held at Elizabeth City, in which he sets forth his teachings; and also to the Report of the Committee on the State of the Church at said Convention, relating thereto, and submit the same to this Convention in connection with the specifications on the subject of erroneous doctrine, herein before contained.

The Committee deem it proper to add, that this Report is founded on ex parte statements, contained in the communications from the several Vestries and a few individuals, and they do not undertake to decide upon their merits; but they feel bound to say, that in their opinion the statements referred to do contain the true causes of the difficulties existing in the Diocese, and are in themselves of sufficient importance to require the Committee to lay the whole matter before the Convention for their consideration.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JARVIS B. BUXTON.

EXTRACTS from the Report of the Committee of Twelve, to whom was referred the Report of the Committee of Investigation.

The Committee to whom was referred the Report of the Committee of Investigation, appointed at the last Convention, with its accompanying documents, with authority to confer with the Bishop or any other person touching every matter referred to them, beg leave to report: That the Bishop appeared before them, and in explanation of the several charges which have been brought against him with respect to doctrine, made the following statement:

The Bishop said to the Committee, that it might be considered humiliating in him to offer to the Committee the statement he was now about to make, but a sense of duty, both to himself and to the Church

compelled him to do so. That it had been at one time a very favorite idea with him to bring about a union of the Roman, the Greek, the Anglican, and the American Churches; and that in his zeal for Catholic union, he had overlooked the difficulties in the way, which he was now satisfied were insuperable. That this tendency of his mind towards a union of the Churches had been greatly increased, and his ability to perceive the difficulties in the way had been diminished, by a high state of nervous excitement, arising either from bodily disease or a constitutional infirmity. That in the pursuit of this favorite idea, he had been insensibly led into the adoption of opinions on matters of doctrine, and to a public teaching of them, of the impropriety of which he was now fully satisfied; and upon a review of those opinions, wonders that he should ever have entertained them. That this change in his views has been brought about in part by a return to a more healthy condition of mind and body, but mainly from having perceived the tendency of those doctrines to the Church of Rome, as sad experience has shown in the cases of Arch-Deacon Manning and others. That among the effects of his desire to bring about this union of the Churches, he was induced to tolerate the Romish notion of the Invocation of Saints, as expressed in his letter to the Rev. C. F. McRae, which expressions he now retracts and would denounce as strongly as any one. That on the subject of Auricular Confession and Absolution, whatever extravagances of opinion or expression he may have heretofore indulged, he now holds that Confession to a Priest is not necessary to salvation; and that he does not believe in judicial absolution, or the power of the Priest to forgive sins. Nor does he hold that the absolution recognised by the Protestant Episcopal Church is merely declaratory, but that the Priest is therein an instrument through whom pardon is transmitted to the penitent, while its efficacy does not in any degree depend upon the volition or intention of the Priest. That absolution is not essentially necessary to the forgiveness of sins, but that it is important when practicable to obtain public absolution as contained in the ritual of our Church, which is the only absolution that he holds proper, except in those cases in which that is impracticable. That he had at one time, under the influences before mentioned, entertained doubts whether our branch of the Church was not in a state of schism. That he had never gone so far as to believe that it was, but merely entertained doubts. He was now satisfied beyond a doubt that she was not in schism. That he had never held the doctrine of the real presence in the Holy Communion, as synonymous with transubstantiation, but on the contrary had always abhorred it.—He admitted that on a review of some of his writings, he had become satisfied that he had exposed himself to misconstruction by the use of the term real presence, which was in the Romish Church synonymous with transubstantiation. But in the use of the term real presence, he had in his mind only the spiritual presence of Christ. That the term spiritual presence was the only one proper to be used, as the general expression real presence was, in the present state of the christian world, liable to be understood as asserting Christ's bodily presence in the Eucharist,—being used by the Romish Church to express its idea of transubstantiation. And that the spiritual presence of Christ in the Eucha-

rist is all that our Church teaches, and would recommend the use of that expression instead of real presence.

The above is correct.

L. S. IVES.

With regard to the publication of the Tract called "The Voice of the Anglican Church," the Bishop says that he had nothing to do with its compilation; but, learning while in New York that such a compilation had been made by two Clergymen in whom he had entire confidence, he determined, without verifying the quotations, to have it published as an appendix to his volume of Sermons. But that when he had ascertained its true character, he immediately countermanded its publication, and now regrets ever having had any thing to do with it.

With regard to the Order of the Holy Cross, the Bishop states—

That no such Order is now in existence, nor has been since the Salisbury Convention. That from his experience of the result, upon the minds of the young men, he is satisfied that no vows, beside those expressly required or allowed by our ritual, ought to be taken in our Church; and farthermore, that any vows, beyond these, are contrary to the spirit of our Church, and a temptation and snare to those who take them.

And that Valle Crucis is now only a Missionary Station.

The Committee would further state, that in addition to Dr. Page's letter, they have before them statements tending to shew that the Bishop has for several years past been in a state of mental excitement, which has impaired his memory and rendered quite uncertain the determinations of his judgment. An oral statement quite in detail, but which the Committee have not had time to reduce to writing, was also made by Josiah Collins, Esq., to shew that the Bishop's mind has been for several years past, from an attack of fever, singularly affected, so as to impair his judgment and enfeeble his memory, while other powers of the mind have been rather exalted: A state of mind well calculated to mislead its subject, and at the same time to expose him to gross misconception on the part of others.

All which is respectfully submitted.

EDWIN GEER, Chairman.

[The following unfinished Parochial Report of the Rev. J. B. Buxton, late Rector of St. John's Church, was handed to the Secretary after the adjournment of the Convention, and is inserted as a matter which will be of much interest to his late Congregation, as well as the Church at large:]

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE.

The Twentieth year of the Rector's charge of this Parish having closed with this Convention, he begs leave to report the following Statistics from the Parish Register:

He entered upon this charge in May 1831, when 60 Communicants were reported to the Convention of that year. Of this original number, 16 have departed this life; 23 have removed; leaving 21 now surviving here.

Since the period referred to, he has reported the following Baptisms:

Adult—White 60, colored 44,	104
Infant—White 319, colored 70,	389
Beyond the Parish,	27
Total,	520 persons.

Confirmations, within the same time, 230 persons.

Communicants—Added, white 251, colored 60; total 311 persons.

Of the above number of white Communicants, 36 have died; 96 have removed. The corrected list, including the balance of the original number, now shows the present number to be: white 140, colored 30, total 170.

Ninety-one Marriages within the term have been solemnized. Of these were white 61, colored 30.

Within the same period were 197 Funerals, of which 149 were of white persons and 48 of colored.

Four Public Executions have been solemnized. One in Cumberland County, one in Bladen, one in Johnston, and one in Richmond. The convicts were visited in prison, and on their confession of sins and profession of faith in Christ, were Baptized for the remission of guilt, and were admitted to the Holy Communion. So true is it that capital punishment is a means of grace, which, for the remission of scarlet sin, God hath instituted and ordained, and for the administration of which the Church has provided.———

[The Wardens of St. John's Church, Fayetteville, furnish the following Report of Contributions:]

For Bishop's Salary and Contingent expenses of Convention,	\$210 00
Diocesan Missions,	250 00
Domestic Missions in the United States,	110 55
Fund for Relief of Widows, &c.,	60 00
Parochial Charities,	184 26
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	\$814 81

C. T. HAIGH, }
J. W. WRIGHT, } Wardens.

FORM OF DEEDS.

NUMBER ONE.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, between — of the County of — and State of —, of the one part, and —, the Wardens and Vestry and Trustees of — Church, —, and members of the said Congregation: Witnesseth, That the said —, for and in consideration of — dollars to him in hand paid by the said —, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees of said — Church, —, their heirs and successors in office, the following lot or parcel of land, situate in —, and bounded as follows, to-wit: — To have and to hold the same, together with all and singular its appurtenances, to the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors forever, to and for the use and benefit of the Congregation of said — Church, —. And the said — doth, for himself and his heirs, covenant and agree with the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors, to warrant and defend the same to the said —, Wardens and Vestry and Trustees aforesaid, their heirs and successors forever.

In witness whereof, the said — hath hereunto set his hand and seal, the day and year above written. [SEAL.]

Signed, sealed and delivered, in presence of —.

NUMBER TWO.

THIS INDENTURE, made and entered into this — day of —, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and —, between —, of the County of — and State of —, of the one part, and —, Trustees appointed by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the State of North Carolina, by virtue of the provisions of the Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, passed in the year 1844-45, entitled "An Act to amend the Revised Statutes entitled Religious Societies": Witnesseth, That the said —, for and in consideration of — dollars to him in hand paid by the said Trustees as aforesaid, at and before the ensealing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, hath given, granted, bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and doth by these presents give, grant, bargain and sell, convey and confirm, unto the said —, Trustees as aforesaid, their heirs and successors in office, the following lot or parcel of land, situate in —, and bounded as follows, to-wit: — To have and to hold the same, with all and singular its appurtenances, to the said —, Trustees as aforesaid, their heirs and successors in office forever, to and for the use and benefit of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the State of North Carolina.

And the said — doth, for himself and his heirs, &c. [as in the foregoing Deed.]

SCALE OF ASSESSMENTS.

	Bishop's Salary and Contingent	Missionary Fund.	Relief Fund.
St. James's Church, Wilmington, - -	\$225 00	\$350 00	\$60 00
St. John's Church, Fayetteville, - -	210 00	320 00	60 00
Christ Church, Raleigh, - - -	210 00	320 00	60 00
Christ Church, Newbern, - - -	210 00	320 00	60 00
St. Paul's Church, Edenton, - - -	200 00	300 00	48 00
St. Peter's, Washington, - - -	100 00	150 00	30 00
St. Mary's School, - - -		150 00	12 00
Emmanuel Church, Warrenton, - - -	50 00	75 00	18 00
St. Luke's, Salisbury, - - -	25 00	35 00	10 00
St. Stephen's, Oxford, - - -	25 00	35 00	10 00
Trinity Church, Scotland Neck, - - -	36 00	65 00	12 00
St. John's in the Wilderness, - - -	36 00	55 00	12 00
St. Matthew's, Hillsborough, - - -	35 00	25 00	12 00
Christ Church, Elizabeth City, - - -	30 00	50 00	12 00
Trinity School, - - -		50 00	6 00
St. Bartholomew's, Pittsborough, - - -	30 00	45 00	12 00
St. John's, Williamsborough, - - -	15 00	20 00	5 00
Calvary Church, Tarborough, - - -	25 00	50 00	9 60
Missionary Station in Scuppernong, - - -	25 00	38 00	9 60
Church of the Holy Innocents, Henderson, - - -	18 00	27 00	5 00
Trinity Chapel, Beaufort, - - -	24 00	36 00	9 60
Calvary Church, Wadesborough, - - -	20 00	30 00	6 00
St. Thomas's, Bath, - - -	20 00	30 00	6 00
Holy Trinity, Hertford, Perquimons, - - -	20 00	30 00	2 40
St. Thomas's, Windsor, - - -	20 00	30 00	6 00
Christ Church, Rowan, - - -	15 00	22 00	4 50
St. Andrew's Church, Rowan, - - -	15 00	22 00	4 50
St. Thomas's, Craven, - - -	15 00	22 00	4 50
St. James's, Granville, - - -	15 00	30 00	4 50
St. Paul's, Louisburg, - - -	15 00	22 00	4 50
Zion Chapel, Beaufort, - - -	12 00	18 00	3 60
Grace Church, Plymouth, - - -	12 00	18 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Orange, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mary's, Kinston, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
Chapel of the Cross, Chapel Hill, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
St. Mark's Church, Chatham county, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
Church of the Redemption, Lexington, - - -	5 00	10 00	3 60
St. Paul's, Granville, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
Grace Church, Morganton, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
Christ Church, Rockfish, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
Gethsemane, Falkland, Pitt county, - - -	10 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's, Lincolnton, - - -	10 00	15 00	3 60
St. Philip's Church, Mocksville, - - -	5 00	8 90	2 40
St. Peter's, Charlotte, - - -	5 00	15 00	2 40
St. John's, Pitt county, - - -	5 00	15 00	2 40
St. Luke's Church, Washington county, - - -	5 00	7 00	2 40
St. John's, Rutherfordton, - - -	5 00	10 00	2 40
Church of the Advent, Williamston, - - -	6 00	9 00	2 40
Old St. Philip's, Smithville, - - -	6 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Saviour, Jackson, - - -	6 00	9 00	2 40
Trinity Church, Asheville, - - -	6 00	9 00	2 40
Church of the Epiphany, Leaksville, - - -	8 00	12 00	5 00
	\$1860 00	\$3038 00	\$584 30

FAYETTEVILLE, MAY 26, 1851.

permanent Episcopal Fund; the permanent Missionary Fund; the Fund Missionary Fund for current purposes; the Fund for the relief of disannexed exhibits, shewing the receipts and disbursements for the year
J. W. WRIGHT, Treas'r.

expenses of Convention,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1850,		
May 20.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1850,	\$479 37
24.	By cash fm Rev. G. Benton, Assessm't, Christ ch., Rockfish	10 00
June 10.	From Rev. Dr. Drane, St. James's church, Wilmington,	225 00
	From Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	50 00
	From Rev. J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	40 00
	From ditto, Christ church, Rowan,	11 75
	From ditto, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	10 00
	From ditto, St. Philip's church, Mocksville,	5 00
	From ditto, St. Peter's church, Charlotte,	5 00
	From ditto, St. Andrew's church, Rowan,	1 00
	From Rev. J. J. Ridley, St. Stephen's church, Oxford,	21 00
	From ditto, St. Paul's church, Louisburg,	11 00
	From J. E. Hoyt, St. Peter's church, Washington,	100 00
	From H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's church, Pittsboro'	30 00
	From Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	36 00
	From ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	25 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	20 00
	From W. F. Martin, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	30 00
	From F. Grist, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	24 00
	From Rev. A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	12 00
	From ditto, St. Luke's church, Washington co.,	5 00
	From Rev. J. A. Shepherd, Lake chapel, Washington co.,	25 00
17.	From Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	210 00
July 6.	From Rev. N. C. Hughes, St. Paul's church, Greenville,	3 00
	From ditto, Gethsemane Parish, Falkland,	6 50
	From ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	7 50
8.	Interest for half-year ending 1st July on \$7500 Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Co.,	225 00
27.	By cash from Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, Assessm't rec'd by him from H. T. Farmer, for church of St. John's in the Wilderness, payment 1848 and 1849,	72 00
Nov. 1.	From Bank of Cape Fear, div. of 4 per ct. on 32 sh's Stock	128 00
5.	From Rev. J. C. Huske, Assessm't, Grace ch., Morganton,	10 00
1851,		
Jan. 4.	From ditto, St. Luke's church, Lincolnnton,	10 00
Feb. 12.	From J. S. Eaton, church of Holy Innocents, Henderson,	25 00
April 9.	From Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, St. Thomas's church, Bath,	12 00
16.	Interest for half-year ending 1st Jan'y on \$7500 Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company,	225 00
May 5.	Div. of 4 per ct. on 32 shares Stock of Bank of Cape Fear,	128 00
13.	By cash from Rev. Jarvis Buxton, Assessment, St. John's church, Rutherfordton,	5 00
15.	From Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, St. Paul's ch., Edenton, (1850,)	200 00
	From ditto, ditto, ditto, (1851,)	200 00
	From ditto, St. James's church, Granville,	10 00
20.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's church, Fayetteville,	210 00
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26.	By balance,	\$988 43

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Missionary Fund for current*

1850,		
Oct. 4.	To Sec'y's draft in favor of Rev. A. F. Olmsted, on ac't,	\$100 00
Dec. 5.	Ditto Rev. H. H. Prout,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. A. A. Watson,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. R. Lee,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. J. Ridley,	50 00
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. W. R. Gries,	62 50
	Ditto Rev. T. F. Davis, Jr.,	75 00
	Ditto Rev. J. C. Huske,	100 00
1851,		
May 12.	Ditto Rev. A. A. Watson, in full to Convention of 1851,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. R. Lee,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. W. E. Snowden,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. W. R. Gries,	62 50
	Ditto Rev. Jarvis Buxton,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. C. Huske,	100 00
	Ditto Rev. J. B. Donnelly, on account,	75 00
	To this sum transferred, pursuant to resolution of the Con- vention, to account of permanent Missionary Fund, being for bequests and interest thereon,	622 50
26.	To new account for balance on hand,	1,373 77

\$3,521 27

purposes,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention.

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1850,		
May 20.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1850,	\$1,254 28
23.	By cash from Bryan Grimes, for 4th instalment of legacy of Rev. John Singeltary,	100 00
	From Rev. Dr. Mason, Assessment, Christ church, Raleigh	50 00
June 10.	From Rev. Dr. Drane, St. James's church, Wilmington,	215 32
	From Rev. W. N. Hawks, Christ church, Newbern,	227 66
	From Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	50 00
	From Rev. J. H. Parker, St. Luke's church, Salisbury,	60 00
	From ditto, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington,	11 40
	From ditto, St. Philip's church, Mocksville,	8 00
	From ditto, St. Peter's church, Charlotte,	15 00
	From Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	27 00
	From ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough, bal.,	18 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's ch., Windsor, bal.,	7 75
	From W. F. Martin, Christ church, Elizabeth City,	50 00
	From H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's church, Pittsboro'	28 15
	From F. Grist, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	6 09
	From Rev. A. A. Watson, Grace church, Plymouth,	18 00
	From ditto, St. Luke's ch., Washington co.,	7 00
	From ditto, congregation at Williamston,	10 98
	From Rev. J. R. Lee, church of the Epiphany, Leaksville,	20 00
	From Rev. J. A. Shepherd, Lake chapel, Washington co.,	38 00
	From ditto, donation from ditto,	63 40
	From Rev. E. M. Forbes, collection at Conv., Eliz. City,	135 00
July 6.	From Rev. N. C. Hughes, Assessm't, St. Paul's, Greenville	5 00
	From ditto, Gethsemane Parish, Falkland,	10 00
	From ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	15 00
Nov. 2.	From Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ church, Raleigh, pay't 1851,	80 00
Dec. 20.	From Rt. Rev. L. S. Ives, for dividends on 5 shares stock of B'k of Cape Fear, bequeathed by Miss Elizabeth Auld	52 50
1851,		
Jan. 1.	From T. H. Wright, Assessment, St. James's, Wilmington,	100 00
4.	From Rev. J. C. Huske, St. Luke's church, Lincolnton,	15 00
23.	From Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Calvary church, Tarborough,	40 00
	From ditto, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	25 00
	From ditto, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	12 06
Feb. 17.	From Rev. A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh,	50 00
Mar. 21.	From ditto, ditto,	100 00
April 9.	From Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	100 00
	From Bryan Grimes, for 5th instalment of legacy of Rev. John Singeltary,	100 00
May 8.	From William Badham, Assessm't, St. Paul's ch., Edenton	90 68
12.	From Rev. W. R. Gries, Missionary Stations in Wilkes, Surry and Iredell,	10 00
13.	From Rev. Jarvis Buxton, St. John's ch., Rutherfordton,	10 00
20.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's church, Fayetteville,	250 00
	From B'k of Cape Fear, div. of 4 per ct. on 5 shares Stock,	20 00
24.	From Rev. J. C. Huske, Assessm't, Grace ch., Morganton,	15 00
		\$3,521 27
26.	By balance,	\$1,373 77

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Fund for relief of disabled
count with the Treasurer*

1850,		
June 10.	To cash paid Mrs. F. Thurston, per receipt,	\$60 00
14.	Ditto ditto, bal. collected to Conv. of 1850,	12 79
	Ditto Mrs. C. Wiley, " "	126 61
1851,		
Feb. 12.	Ditto ditto, on ac't of Asm't collect'd to Con. of 1851,	100 00
May 9.	Ditto Mrs. F. Thurston, " "	70 85
	Ditto Mrs. C. Wiley, " "	40 15
26.	To new account for balance on hand,	46 00

\$456 40

Clergymen and Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen,) in ac-
of the Convention. CR.

1850,		
May 20.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1850,	\$55 13
23.	By cash from Rev. Dr. Mason, Assessment, Christ church, Raleigh, balance,	10 00
24.	From Rev. Geo. Benton, Christ church, Rockfish,	3 60
June 10.	From Rev. W. N. Hawks, Christ church, Newbern,	40 00
	From Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	10 00
	From Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Trinity church, Scotland Neck,	12 00
	From ditto, Calvary church, Tarborough,	9 60
	From W. F. Martin, Christ Church, Elizabeth City,	12 00
	From H. A. London, St. Bartholomew's ch., Pittsborough,	12 00
	From F. Grist, Trinity chapel, Beaufort,	2 07
	From Rev. J. H. Parker, ch. of the Redemption, Lexington	3 60
	From ditto, St. Philip's church, Mocksville,	2 40
	From ditto, St. Peter's church, Charlotte,	2 40
	From Rev. J. A. Shepherd, Lake chapel, Washington co.,	9 60
	From Rev. S. I. Johnston, contribution from an individual at Edenton,	15 00
July 6.	From Rev. N. C. Hughes, Assessm't, St. Paul's, Greenville	2 00
	From ditto, Gethsemane Parish, Falkland,	2 50
	From ditto, St. John's church, Pitt county,	2 50
16.	From Rev. J. A. Shepherd, donation from friends of the Church at Pettigrew's chapel, Scuppernong,	20 00
Nov. 2.	From Rev. Dr. Mason, Assessm't, Christ church, Raleigh,	20 00
Dec. 30.	From Rev. C. A. Maison, St. Thomas's church, Windsor,	6 00
1851,		
Jan. 1.	From T. H. Wright, St. James's church, Wilmington,	60 00
4.	From Rev. J. C. Huske, St. Luke's church, Lincolnton,	3 00
23.	From Rev. J. B. Cheshire, Calvary church, Tarborough,	10 00
Feb. 12.	From Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	18 00
	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's church, Fayetteville,	20 00
Mar. 7.	From Rev. C. F. McRae, Emmanuel church, Warrenton,	15 00
21.	From Rev. A. Smedes, St. Mary's school, Raleigh,	12 00
April 9.	From Rev. Dr. Mason, Christ church, Raleigh,	20 00
May 13.	From Rev. J. Buxton, St. John's church, Rutherfordton,	2 40
20.	From J. Carmon, Treas'r, St. John's church, Fayetteville,	40 00
24.	From Rev. J. C. Huske, Grace church, Morganton,	3 60
		<hr/> \$456 40 <hr/>
26.	By balance,	\$46 00

DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Fund for the support of the*

1851, May 26.	To securities on hand: Bonds of the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road Company, endorsed by the State, 32 shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, par value \$3,200, cost	\$7,500 00 3,066 50 \$10,566 50
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DR. *Diocese of North Carolina, (for Permanent Missionary Fund de-*

1851, May 26.	To securities and cash on hand, viz: 10 shares of Stock of Bank of Cape Fear, at cost, Cash,	\$1,060 00 62 50 \$1,122 50
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Episcopate,) in account with the Treasurer of the Convention. CR.

1850,		
May 20.	By balance per statement rendered to Convention of 1850,	\$10,360 50
June 10.	By cash from Rev. J. A. Shepherd, for contribution to this Fund from Lake Chapel,	100 00
1851,		
May 21.	By this sum transferred from account of "Diocese of North Carolina for Bishop's salary and contingent expenses,"	106 00
		<hr/> \$10,566 50 <hr/>
26.	By balance, securities on hand,	\$10,566 50

rived from Bequests,) in account with Treasurer of Convention. CR.

1851,		
	By bequest of Rev. John Singeltary, received from Bryan Grimes, Ex'r,	\$500 00
	By ditto of Geo. E. Spruill, rec'd from Daniel Turner, Ex'r,	50 00
	By ditto of Miss Elizabeth Auld, 5 shares stock of Bank of Cape Fear,	500 00
	By cash from Bank of Cape Fear, dividends on the above,	72 50
		<hr/> \$1,122 50 <hr/>
May 26.	By balance, securities and cash on hand,	\$1,122 50

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

ARTICLE I.

The Protestant Episcopal Church in this State, accedes to, recognises and adopts, the General Constitution of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, and acknowledges its authority accordingly.

ARTICLE II.

There shall be an Annual Convention of the Church in this Diocese at such time and place as may be fixed by the next preceding Convention.

ARTICLE III.

The Convention shall be composed of Clergymen and Laymen. Each regularly ordained Minister, of either order, being settled with a parochial charge in this State; or being a President, Professor, or Instructor of youth, in any Seminary of Learning in this State; or being a Missionary of the Protestant Episcopal Church, acting under the direction of the Ecclesiastical authority of this Diocese, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote in the Convention; *provided* he shall have been actually and canonically a resident of the State, or shall have been a candidate for orders belonging to this Diocese, for the space of twelve calendar months next before the Convention. Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to send to the Convention one or more Lay Delegates, not exceeding four, to be chosen by the Vestry or by the Congregation, from among the members of such Congregation. Provided, however, that no one person shall be the Delegate of more than one Church or Congregation at the same Convention. Provided, also, that this Article shall not exclude from the Convention any Clergyman who is now and shall continue to be a resident in this State, and who is now a member of this Convention.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Convention shall be opened with Prayer, and a Sermon, which shall be delivered by some Clergyman who has been nominated by the Ecclesiastical authority of the Church.

ARTICLE V.

A President shall be annually appointed, who shall preside in all meetings of the Convention, except when a Bishop shall be present, when he shall, *ex-officio*, be President.

ARTICLE VI.

A Secretary shall be annually chosen, whose duty it shall be to keep

a record of the proceedings, and to give timely notice to each Minister and Vestry, of the time and place of each meeting of the Convention in this Diocese.

ARTICLE VII.

A Standing Committee, of not less than three nor more than seven persons, shall be annually chosen by ballot. They shall have power to admit Candidates for the Ministry, and when there is not a Bishop, they shall examine and pass on the testimonials of foreign Clergymen. They may call special meetings of the Convention; and shall transact all other business as they are empowered to do by the Constitution and Canons of the General Convention. They shall also have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their own body by death, removal, or otherwise, during the recess of the Annual Convention.

ARTICLE VIII.

A majority of the Standing Committee of this Church shall at all times be Clergymen of this Diocese; and no Layman shall be appointed a member of said Committee, except he be a Communicant of the Episcopal Church.

ARTICLE IX.

In all questions which shall come before the Convention, when it shall be required by the Delegation of one Church or Congregation, or by any one Clerical member, the Laity shall vote by Congregations. And when it shall be so required, the two orders shall vote separately, and in the latter case, the concurrence of both orders shall be necessary to make a decision of the Convention. When no such division of the Convention shall be required, each member of the Convention, both Clerical and Lay, shall be entitled to one vote.

ARTICLE X.

The election of a Bishop in this Diocese shall be made in the following manner: The order of the Clergy shall nominate and appoint by ballot, some fit and qualified Clergyman for that office, and if this appointment be approved by the Lay order, he shall be declared duly elected. In the above-mentioned nomination and appointment, a majority of each order shall determine the choice—provided that two-thirds of all the Clergy entitled to votes be present; and two-thirds of all the Congregations entitled to votes be represented; otherwise two-thirds of the votes of each order shall be necessary to determine the choice.

ARTICLE XI.

This Constitution shall not be altered or amended, except by the concurrent votes of two-thirds of the attending members at an annual meeting of the Convention—such vote being taken in accordance with the preceding provisions of this Constitution.

ARTICLE XII.

Each Church or Congregation in this Diocese, which is now a member, or shall hereafter be admitted a member of this Convention, shall be entitled to elect by its Vestry, in addition to those authorised by the third Article, four Alternate Delegates, to fill any vacancy in the delegation elect in the order of their election.

CANONS

OF THE

PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN NORTH CAROLINA.

CANON I—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of Presentments.*

Every trial of a Clergyman in this Church, for misbehaviour, shall be on presentment, made to the Bishop by the Convention, by the Vestry of the Parish to which the Clergyman belongs, or by three or more Presbyters of the Church. In every presentment the charge or charges shall be distinctly specified.

CANON II—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the Trial of a Clergyman.*

For the trial of a Clergyman, the Bishop shall appoint three Presbyters, who shall be constituted a board for trying the accused person. The Bishop shall fix the time and place of trial; of both which, at least a month's notice shall be given to the party accused; and should he neglect or refuse to attend, the trial shall proceed. The Board thus constituted, shall examine fully, the charges alleged, and keep a minute and accurate record of the testimony of the witnesses, and of every question and proceeding that comes before them. No charge shall be substantiated on the testimony of less than two witnesses. On the examination of any witness, should the accused party require it, an oath or affirmation shall be administered by a magistrate. In all questions, a unanimous vote shall be necessary to a decision. Having come to a decision on the charge or charges respectively, the Board shall communicate their decision to the Bishop—and also, in case they have found the accused guilty, the sentence which, in their opinion, should be pronounced. A certified copy of the record of their proceedings shall be laid before the Bishop, and his judgment in the case be final.

CANON III—PASSED APRIL 1817.—*Of the sentence to be pronounced upon a Clergyman found guilty of Misbehaviour.*

This sentence may be admonition, suspension, degradation from the ministry, or excommunication; and shall be pronounced by the Bishop and communicated to every parish in the Diocese.

CANON IV.—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Respecting the Cull of a Special Convention.*

When a Special Convention is called, it shall be the duty of the Secretary in issuing the notifications, to specify therein the business and purposes for which the Convention is to be assembled.

CANON V—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*Concerning Parochial Registers and Reports.*

In order to give effect to the 40th Canon of the General Convention in 1808, it is hereby required that each Minister of this Church shall

keep a register of all the Baptisms, Marriages, and Funerals, solemnized by him in the discharge of his Ministry; specifying the names of the parties married, the name and time of the birth of the child baptised, with the names of the parents, and the name of the person buried, and the time when each rite is performed; which register shall be transcribed, at least once in every month, in a book to be kept for that purpose, belonging to the Vestry of each Church. He shall also keep a register of the names of the Communicants within his care. And it shall be the duty of each Minister to report annually to the Bishop, at the meeting of the Convention, the amount or sum total of said registers, and also the amount of the register of adults required to be kept by the aforesaid Canon of the General Convention, together with a written account of the state of the Parish. Which reports shall be by the Bishop communicated to the Convention, and read in their presence, in order to promote a general knowledge of the state of the Church; and shall afterwards be preserved by the Secretary among the records of the Convention.

CANON VI—PASSED APRIL 1819.—*The Clergy required to attend the Meetings of the Convention.*

Whereas the regular attendance of the Clergy at the meetings of the Convention, is of essential consequence to the interest of the Church, this duty is hereby enjoined on them. At the opening of each Convention, the names of the Clergy entitled to seats therein shall be called over, the absentees noted, and at the ensuing Convention they shall be called upon for the reasons of their absence.

CANON VII—PASSED MAY 1842, INSTEAD OF THE ONE PASSED MAY 1821.—*Of the Forming of a Congregation.*

Any ten or more Adults may form themselves into a Congregation of this Church, and be received into union with this Convention, by consenting to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in these United States, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; by assuming a name to designate such Congregation; by electing a Vestry of four or more persons, not exceeding twelve; and by subscribing the following form of Certificate, to be presented to the Convention of the Church in this Diocese:

We, the undersigned, being assembled for the purpose of forming ourselves into a Congregation of the Protestant Episcopal Church in these United States, do certify that we have consented to be governed by the Constitution and Canons of the Church, as set forth in General Convention, and by the Constitution and Canons of the Church in this Diocese; that we have assumed the name of —, [here should follow the name and place,] and have elected the following persons Vestrymen, to-wit: [names of Vestrymen.] In witness whereof, we have subscribed our names, this — day of —, in the year of our Lord —.

CANON VIII—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting Annual Contributions.*

An annual contribution shall be made by each Congregation in this

Diocese, to defray the necessary expenses of the Bishop's visitations, and the contingent charges of the Convention, and likewise to furnish our quota to the contingent expenses of the General Convention, which sums shall be remitted to the Treasurer of the Convention as they shall be received.

CANON IX—PASSED MAY 1824.—*Respecting the Bishop's authority to change the place of holding the Convention.*

In all cases where a contagious disease, or any other sufficient cause, shall render it necessary, the Bishop may change the place of meeting appointed by the Convention.

CANON X—PASSED APRIL 1825.—*To appoint a Treasurer and to prescribe his Duties.*

A Treasurer of the Convention shall be appointed annually. He shall have the custody of all moneys belonging to the Convention, and shall render to the Convention an annual account of all moneys so entrusted to him. The said Treasurer shall, *ex-officio*, receive all money from the Trustees or General Agent of the Fund for the Episcopate as it may be collected, and vest the same, and all interest and dividends thereon, in the Capital Stocks of some one of the Banks of the State.

CANON XI—PASSED MAY 1827.—*Authorising the Treasurer to invest the Money belonging to the Convention.*

The Treasurer of the Convention shall, from time to time, invest in stock, or put out to interest on good security, as he may deem most advantageous, all moneys in the Treasury not especially appropriated; and all sums received for the use of the Episcopate.

CANON XII—PASSED MAY 1830.—*Pointing out the Additional Duties of the Secretary.*

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to preserve for the use of the members of the Convention, during its Sessions, six copies of the Constitution and Canons of this Church; and each year to preserve for the same purpose, six copies of the printed Journals of Convention. These papers the Secretary shall cause to be present at each Convention.

CANON XIII—PASSED MAY 1830.—*On the Election of a Bishop.*

The Lay Delegates of no Congregation which is formed after a vacancy has occurred in the office of Bishop, by death or otherwise, shall vote in the election of the next successor in the office, or upon any question touching such election.

CANON XIV—PASSED MAY 1841.—*Relating to the Standing Committee.*

It shall be the duty of the members of the Standing Committee to hold meetings for the transaction of business at every Convention of the Diocese; and this Canon is hereby declared to be due notice to each member of the same, to assemble at the time and place of the meeting of each Annual Convention.

RESOLUTIONS CONTINUING IN FORCE,

ADOPTED AT VARIOUS SITTINGS OF THE CONVENTION.

Resolved, That with the consent of his Vestry, it be the duty of every settled Clergyman, not having more than two congregations in his Parochial Cure, to devote one Sunday in every three months to Missionary labor, and that the Bishop have the power of regulating the time and place of service.—[*Adopted May 1832.*]

Resolved, That the Vestries of such churches in this Diocese as may be destitute of Clergymen, be requested to forward to the Secretary, at least one month before the meeting of every Annual Convention, a report of the state and condition of said churches.—[*Adopted June 1835.*]

Resolved, That the Treasurer be requested to annex to his Report, the list of those congregations which have failed or may hereafter fail to pay the sums assessed for the Bishop's Salary and Contingent Fund, in the hope, that upon such deficiency being brought to their notice, they may transmit the same promptly.—[*Adopted May 1836.*]

Resolved, That it be recommended to every Clergyman, to procure annually the sum of at least Five Dollars, in money or books, for the increase of said Library.

Resolved, That each Clergyman present the Librarian with a list of the Books in his own or his Parish Library, so that unnecessary duplicates may not be purchased, and that each may know where to apply for any needed set of books.—[*Adopted May 1841.*]

Resolved, That in addition to the other Standing Committees, there shall be one appointed at each Convention, to be called the Committee on the Admission of New Congregations.—[*Adopted May 1842.*]

Resolved, That every Clergyman of this Diocese, having a Parochial Cure, be hereby enjoined to press upon his congregation, in a public discourse at least once a year, the high obligations under which we lie to contribute from our means, on the principle of Systematic Charity, as recommended by the Bishop and adopted by the Diocese.

Resolved, That each Clergyman having a Parochial Cure, or, where there is no Clergyman, the Wardens of the Parish, be requested to transmit quarterly, to the Treasurer, the amount collected up to that time for Missionary operations.—[*Adopted May 1844.*]

Resolved, That hereafter, the Constitution and Canons of the Church, and Resolutions of Conventions continuing in force, with the Rules of Order, shall be printed as an Appendix to the Journals of each sitting of the Convention.—[*Adopted May 1844.*]

Whereas, the General Convention of 1844 enacted a Canon, allowing to each Bishop, under certain limitations and restrictions, a due discre-

tion in the calling, trial, and examination of Deacons, whenever he should be requested so to do by the Convention of his Diocese: Therefore

Resolved, That this Convention does hereby request the Bishop of this Diocese to use the discretion allowed in said Canon, so far as may seem to him for the glory of God and the good of his Church.—[*Adopted May 1845.*]

Resolved by the Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, That the Right Rev. Levi S. Ives, together with two Laymen, to be chosen by ballot, be and hereby are appointed Trustees for said Church, to receive donations, and to purchase, take, and hold property, real and personal, in trust for said Church; pursuant to an Act of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina, ratified the eighth day of January, A. D. 1845, and entitled an Act to amend the Revised Statutes, entitled Religious Societies.—[*Adopted May 1845.*]

Resolved, That the Form of Parochial Reports be hereafter printed with the Journals, and that the Clergy be requested to conform to the same in their Reports.—[*Adopted May 1846.*]

Resolved, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Vestry, to transmit to the Minister of the Parish where the Annual Convention of the Diocese may sit, a certificate of the election of the Delegates to said Convention; and also to furnish a duplicate of said certificate to some one of said Delegates, whose duty it shall be to hand the same to the Secretary of the Convention in time for proper action thereon.—[*Adopted May 1847.*]

Resolved, That the resolutions of 1841, on the subject of the Fund for the Relief of Disabled Clergymen and of the Widows and Orphans of Deceased Clergymen, be, and they are hereby repealed.

Resolved, That a Committee, to consist of one Clergyman and two Laymen, be annually appointed by the President of the Convention, to be called "the Committee for the relief of disabled Clergymen, and of the Widows and Orphans of deceased Clergymen," whose duty it shall be to ascertain and report the amount of money which will probably be wanted during the succeeding year for such purpose, to make a definite appropriation in each and every case requiring aid, and to make a scale of assessment, upon the Parishes, proportioned generally to the existing scale of assessments for Bishop's salary and Contingent fund. Provided, that in case there be at any time no proper objects, there shall be no call made.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of the Convention shall be the Treasurer of this Committee, that he receive the moneys contributed to this Fund, and pay them out on the receipt of the individuals, or their representatives, to whom the appropriations may have been made.—[*Adopted May 1848.*]

Resolved, That the Treasurer be and he is hereby directed to pay the sum of \$50 to all Clergymen who may be appointed and attend as Delegates to the General Convention of the Church from this Diocese.—[*Adopted May 1848.*]

Resolved, That all sums received for Missionary purposes, by bequest or other extraordinary donation, shall, if consistent with the will of the donors, be paid over to the Treasurer of the Diocese, with directions to fund the same; and furthermore, that for the present, and until otherwise ordered, he be directed to add to the principal the interest as it may accrue.—[*Adopted May 1850.*]

RULES OF ORDER.

1. The organization of the Convention by the President.
2. The Convention shall then proceed to appoint a Secretary by ballot.
3. The Committees on the State of the Church, and of Finance, and the Committee on New Congregations, each consisting of five, and a Committee to be called the Missionary Committee, to consist of seven persons, and all Special Committees, shall next be appointed.
4. The Bishop's Annual Address.
5. Parochial Reports to be presented to the Convention.
6. Report from the Standing Committee.
7. Report from the Treasurer.
8. Reports from Committees appointed by the last Convention.
9. Reports from Special Committees.
10. When the President takes the Chair, no member shall continue standing, or shall afterwards stand up, except to address the Chair.
11. Every member who shall deliver his opinion, or speak in any debate, shall, with due respect, address himself to the President, and confine himself strictly to the point in debate.
12. No motion shall be debated, or shall be considered as before the Convention, unless seconded; and, if required, reduced to writing and read by the Secretary.
13. When a question is under consideration, no motion shall be received, unless to lay it upon the table, to postpone it to a certain time, to postpone it indefinitely, to commit it, to amend it, or to divide it; and motions for any of these purposes shall have precedence in the order herein named. The motion to lay upon the table, and to adjourn, shall always be in order.
14. A question once decided, shall stand as the judgment of the Convention, and not be drawn again into debate, except with the consent of two-thirds of the Convention: *Provided always*, that any member of the Convention voting in favor of any resolution, may, on the same day on which the vote is taken, move a reconsideration of said vote.
15. No member shall be absent from the Sessions of the Convention, unless he have leave, or be from sickness unable to attend.
16. When the Convention is about to rise, every member shall keep his seat until the President leaves the Chair.

Standing Committee for 1851-52.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. JOHN H. BRYAN.
Rev. ALDERT SMEDES.	GEO. W. MORDECAI.
Rev. CAMERON F. McRAE.	

Executive Missionary Committee.

Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	JOHN W. WRIGHT.
Rev. GEORGE BENTON,	CHARLES P. MALLETT.
	CHARLES T. HAIGH.

Delegates to the General Convention.


CLERICAL.	LAY.
Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	JOHN W. WRIGHT.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	JOSIAH COLLINS.
Rev. S. I. JOHNSTON.	JOHN S. EATON.
Rev. A. A. WATSON.	EDWARD LEE WINSLOW.

Trustees of the General Theological Seminary.

Rev. R. S. MASON, D. D.	Hon. DUNCAN CAMERON.
Rev. R. B. DRANE, D. D.	JOSIAH COLLINS.
Rev. C. F. McRAE,	

Treasurer of the Convention, JOHN W. WRIGHT, Fayetteville.

Secretary of the Convention, EDWARD LEE WINSLOW, ditto.

 The 36th Annual Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Diocese of North Carolina, will be held in St. John's Church, Fayetteville, on the Third Wednesday in May 1852.

